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## T-DAY THIS WEEK:

### INTERSTATE ACTION



Jimmy Nelson, Melbourne Juventus star, in a classic stance. —  
Photo by John Punshon.



The Victorian State team which beat Queensland 2-0 last Sunday in Brisbane.

### ON TUESDAY, IN MEXICO CITY:

The draw for the finals of the 1983 World Youth Cup will be made.

The ASF is represented by President Sir Arthur George.



The 16 qualified teams will be drawn into four groups where they play one another.

The top two make the quarter finals.

These will be the 16 in the finals:

From Europe: Austria, Scotland, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and USSR.

From Africa: Nigeria and Ivory Coast.

From Asia: China and South Korea.

From South America: Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

From North and Central America: USA and Mexico (as hosts).

From Oceania, Australia.

The matches will be played in Mexico City, Toluca, Puebla, Guadalajara, Monterey, Leon and Irapuato.

### ON TUESDAY IN AUCKLAND:

Australia will begin its 1986 World Cup preparations with a match against New Zealand.

Our debit is enormous: it was New Zealand who, in 1981, eliminated us from last year's World Cup.

The team left Sydney last Saturday, together with the injured Steve Blair who is certain to miss the Auckland

game.

The return match will be played in Melbourne on Sunday — and will be televised.

In fact, this will be the debut of Channel 7 for what has been promised a rich year for TV fans.

For stories on the New Zealand clash — see inside.

## Is Ron coming to revamp our coaching?

It wasn't **exactly** what we were told ... In a London newspaper, Ron Greenwood, former England manager, said he accepted a six-week contract from the ASF.

According to the report:

"I will be working mainly with their national team and then I will hold lectures and reorganise their coaching methods."

Greenwood said he would also try to help junior players.

The newspaper describes Australia's move to sign Greenwood as "cunning" as his contribution may enable us to find out everything about the England team ...

That would be lovely, really.

When Greenwood was the England manager, even he couldn't quite find out all about his own team ...



Ron Greenwood

## AMPOL CUP SEMI-FINALS

# MARTON AGAIN KILLS SLICKERS

By John Economos

For the second consecutive year, St George has qualified for the Ampol Cup Final, and for the second consecutive week, it was their star striker, Dez Marton who was their chief destroyer.

The Saints knocked out PSL champions, Sydney City last Friday night at Marconi Stadium in the semi-finals when they defeated them 4-0.

Dez Marton the non-stop scoring machine, wiped Sydney City off the pitch when he was involved in all three goals scored in the first half.

However, in reality, it was Sydney City who should have scored first. In fact in the very first minute crash-tackling midfielder, Ian Souness, making his come-back after one year out with severe injury, received the ball out wide on the right, brought it infield and crashed his blistering right-footed shot against the base of the St George right post.

But from that let-off it was all St George and that is from where Dez Marton took over completely.

Only the week before, Marton destroyed Sydney

Olympic when he scored all four goals and it looked as if he was going to repeat the feat again.

In the 8th minute, Marton started the destruction when he beautifully chipped the advancing goalkeeper, Todd Clarke, with a lob into the net to put Saints in front.

But more was to come.

In the 26th minute, Marton was away again and scored with another lob St George's second goal.

Nine minutes from interval, Marton set up one of the best goals seen at Marconi for a long time with an almost 'double one-two'.

Penetrating the Sydney City box from the left, Marton cut the ball across to Mike O'Shea on the back stick, and he in turn knocked it straight back to Marton who in turn chipped it back square to Paul Wilkinson racing in to head into the net.

Again and again the Saints kept coming and Wilkinson with the goal at his mercy, tried a high lob but hit the cross-bar.

Early in the second half, Wilkinson again could have had another goal but his blistering shot was magnificently headed off the line by right-back, Kevin Mullen.

Only seconds later, Wilkinson again hit the cross-bar with his header. Saints' fourth and last goal came in the 65th minute when midfielder Mark Barton scored from 15 metres out after good set-up from replacement John Muskovits.

Just one minute after this goal, St George was awarded a penalty by referee Tim Davies after Muskovits had split the defence and racing into the box, was fouled by the desperate Todd Clarke.

However Marton's shot at goal was brilliantly saved by Clarke diving across to his left to push it wide.

St George on the night looked devastating and will start favourites in the Cup Final on Friday night

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy: Skeen, M.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, R.O'Shea: Barton, Stone, Koczka (Muskovits 41st), Slater, Wilkinson, Marton.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke: Mullen, Gomez, Robertson, Bruce: Watson, Souness, Barnes: Lee (de Marigny 55th min), Boden, Murray.

Referee: Tim Davies.  
Crowd: 5,509.

St George will start short odds favorites to win their second Ampol Cup in a row.

Their impressive wins over Olympic (4-1) and Sydney City (4-0) must give them star billing for

Friday night against Marconi.

And the ace of the pack could again be that age-

less wonder, Dez Marton.

In his last two matches he has scored six of his team's eight goals.

His style, elegance, skills and deadly effectiveness make him the most classical striker in Australian soccer since the great Leo Baumgartner at his best.

And, ironically, one of Marton's young partners in the team now is Ricky Baumgartner — Leo's talented son.

The Saints will line up with a full team except for sweeper David Ratcliffe, down in Melbourne on Friday for the return match against the Kiwis.

Marconi have been scraping through round after round and look a disjointed team.

However, at their own home ground they are always dangerous.

The Saints should win but perhaps not by the margin they are getting used to.

# Saints tipped for Cup win

## REPLAYS

### SLICKERS V SUTHERLAND 1-0

Sydney City were superior enough in this replay although they only won 1-0 and could have conceded an equaliser with two minutes remaining.

Murray Barnes got into positions that spelt as many as three goals, but it was painfully obvious that he was really running himself into form.

Jean-Paul De Marigny was well placed to score just after half time. There was considerable debate over whether he was in fact offside, but the decision stood.

Eddie Thomson took the

opportunity to play young Englishmen Grant Sargeant and Wayne Reader as he goes about putting his side together in typically steady Slickers pre-season style.

The Sharks did not function quite as well as in earlier games. Their defence generally is very sound. The players generally look as if they would benefit from plenty of matches against National League sides.

They are an impressive side with just that touch of extra class lacking.

Shane Clinch was the

man who could have fired them to a draw. He came face to face with Tony Pezzano and made the fatal mistake of firing his shot straight at the goalkeeper.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano, Mullen (Reader 59m), Robertson, Gomez, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Souness, De Marigny, Lee (Sargeant).

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes, Cashman (Johnston 75m), Hesford, Scharfegger, Dal Forno, Watkins, Harrington, Webber, Knowles, Clinch, Rogers.

**GOAL:** 1-0 De Marigny (42m).

**REFEREE:** A. Owens — Crowd: 2384. (double-header).

— Keith Gilmour

### CROATIA V MELITA 1-0

On sheer skill Melita should have walked away with this match, but the longer they went without scoring the more certain Croatia was of victory.

Without Don Allan or some driving force at the front, Melita had to play second fiddle with all the aerial battles.

The winning goal arrived from Raul Carrizo in the 65th minute after Bobby Pagano had done an excellent job to put him in possession.

Earlier Carrizo had a stormy passage, receiving one yellow card from referee Ken Small and going close to a send-off.

Lance Chaloner missed an early chance and midway in the first half Bob MacPherson saw a strong shot saved by Steve Watson.

Melita tried desperately to keep the ball low in the second half, but inevitably the strong Croatia took over with Wally Savor finding his shot brilliantly taken by Alex McPherson.

Williams, Farnsworth and Duarte kept Melita moving, but finally Carrizo decided the issue and put his team into the semi-finals.

**CROATIA:** Watson, A. Kovacic (Gallic), Basic, Coyne, Tomasich: Woods, Savor, M. Kovacic: Carrizo, Campbell (Rezo 41st min), Hensman.

**MELITA:** A. McPherson, R. MacPherson (McCoy 71m), Cross, Ankudinoff, Daley, McAusland, Chaloner (Farnsworth 41m), Williams, Duarte, Farrugia, McKie.

**GOAL:** 1-0 Carrizo (65m).



## NSW SOCCER FEDERATION PRESENTS

## FINAL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

AT BARTON PARK — 8PM

ST GEORGE  
V  
MARCONI



# Marconi sneaks into Cup final

Marconi qualified for the NSW 1983 Ampol Cup Final next Friday night when they defeated Croatia 1-0 last Friday night at the Marconi Stadium.

The winning goal came in the 15th minute of the match when Mark Jankovics magnificently crashed his header into the Croatia net after an excellent cross from the right flank by Australia's World Youth Championship striker, Rod Brown.

Earlier, it looked as if Marconi was going to score when young midfielder, Atti Carbone busted through into the Croatia box from the right and let fly a crashing drive from only five metres out and right on target.

But with an incredible piece of cover defence, left back Tomasich, came streaking across the box from the far side and tackled the ball and player in mid-air to save Croatia.

Magnificent stuff from the Croatia left-back.

But then Jankovics scored his goal, rising high and crashing his header downwards giving Croatia's goalkeeper Steve Watson no chance.

Rod Brown for Marconi showed great explosive initiative when he burst through the Croatia defence beating three defenders in the process and let

fly with an absolute 'boomer' from 14 metres out that screamed above the Croatian cross-bar.

Exciting soccer was now being played by both teams, but the score remained unchanged at the break.

Marconi in the second half did most of the defending as when they were on the ball, forward moves broke down and possession lost as they failed to knock it up front and wide fast.

So much so, that repeatedly Jankovics and Ian Hunter, had to come back 45 to 60 metres, 'looking for ball'.

Marconi's central defenders, Paul Degney and Ricky Budini, look better and better as a pair with every match. They could prove to be a tower of strength for the League this year.

Jankovics and Brown both had excellent games, but having said this, the best man on the pitch was Croatia's fill-in sweeper, Johnny Coyne standing in for captain, Bruno Vidic still out with his groin injury.

Coyne, time after time, raided deep into Marconi country desperately trying to bolster the attack.

In the 65th minute, Croatia from a free-kick looked like scoring when their big strong left striker,

Peter Hensman crashed a 20 metre shot through the Marconi defensive wall, only to see goalkeeper, Alan Maher bring off an excellent save down low.

With time running out, Croatia bombarded Marconi with all they had and replacement Dave Rezo tried a 'long-ranger' from 30 metres out and right on the button, but Maher dived well to save.

Again and again Croatia came through Hensman, then Rezo, then Kovacic and Savor, but Marconi hung on and on.

The bell came and Marconi was into the NSW 1983 Ampol Cup Final to clash with the powerful St George next Friday night in what will be an outstanding game of fast, exciting football.

**MARCONI:** Maher, Bozanic, Degney, Budini, Rizzotto: Carbone, Sermani, McCulloch: Hunter (Djordjevic 65th), Jankovics, Brown.

**CROATIA:** Watson, A. Kovacic (Gallic), Basic, Coyne, Tomasich: Woods, Savor, M. Kovacic: Carrizo, Campbell (Rezo 41st min), Hensman.

**Referee:** P. Rampley.

J. Economos

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**VENUE: ST GEORGE STADIUM — FEBRUARY 25, 1983 — KICK-OFF: 8 PM**

**ST GEORGE**



**MARCONI**



*LEFT: Dez Marton, the St George ace who could again find the target on Friday. Marconi goalie Allan Maher (right) is certain to have a busy evening.*



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## AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND

# Seven losses in 32 matches

Australia's record against New Zealand is a good one — despite the painful 2-0 home defeat in 1981 which ended our World Cup hopes.

The two countries have met 32 times since 1922 — and New Zealand have managed only seven wins.

In all these years, only two of the matches have been held in Melbourne for a win and a loss.

The full record:

1922 New Zealand v Australia 3-1 (Dunedin)  
1922 New Zealand v Australia 1-1 (Wellington)  
1922 New Zealand v Australia 3-1 (Auckland)  
1923 Australia v New Zealand 2-1 (Brisbane)  
1923 Australia v New Zealand 2-3 (Newcastle)  
1923 Australia v New Zealand 1-4 (Sydney)  
1933 Australia v New Zealand 4-2 (Brisbane)  
1933 Australia v New Zealand 6-4 (Sydney)  
1933 Australia v New Zealand 4-2 (Sydney)  
1936 New Zealand v Australia 1-7 (Dunedin)  
1936 New Zealand v Australia 0-10 (Auckland)  
1936 New Zealand v Australia 1-4 (Auckland)  
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-6 (Wellington)  
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-7 (Christchurch)  
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-4 (Wellington)  
1948 New Zealand v Australia 1-8 (Auckland)  
1954 Australia v New Zealand 1-2 (Melbourne)  
1954 Australia v New Zealand 4-1 (Brisbane)  
1954 Australia v New Zealand 4-1 (Sydney)  
1958 New Zealand v Australia 2-3 (Wellington)  
1958 New Zealand v Australia 2-2 (Auckland)  
1967 Australia v New Zealand 5-3 (Saigon)  
1972 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Jakarta)  
1973 New Zealand v Australia 1-1 (Auckland)\*  
1973 Australia v New Zealand 3-3 (Sydney)\*  
1976 New Zealand v Australia 0-1 (Auckland)  
1976 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Melbourne)  
1977 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Sydney)\*  
1977 New Zealand v Australia 1-1 (Auckland)  
1979 New Zealand v Australia 1-0 (Auckland)  
1981 New Zealand v Australia 3-3 (Auckland)\*  
1981 Australia v New Zealand 0-2 (Sydney)\*

Total:

Australia won 19, drew 6, lost 7.

\* World Cup elimination matches.



Scheinflug, our first World Cup captain, with Cambodia's ex-president Prince Sihanouk in 1965.

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## Aid to fire victims

By Con Nikolopoulos

Victorian National League Clubs are planning a charity game, to assist the victims of the devastating bushfires.

Officials have been meeting to decide the date and the venue, as well as the admission fee to be charged.

It is believed that a combined South Melbourne-Heidelberg United team will meet a Footscray-Preston combination.

Heidelberg United President Sam Goulopoulos wants supporters of his club "to stop harassing Gary Cole".

"I am very annoyed with supporters picking on Gary," he told the Australian Soccer Weekly.

"Gary is going through a very bad spell at the moment and needs support, rather than abuse, to be able to pull through. Cole is the player who has given them a lot of thrills and this is the time to show their appreciation".

Former Sydney City Secretary Michael Urukalo is preparing to join Rale Rasic at South Melbourne.

An experienced administrator, Urukalo will take charge of the office and will combine administrative with commercial duties.

Former youth international Paul Kay, signed a two years contract with South Melbourne.

Kay is South's fourth signing for the season and he is expected to team up with Crino and Halford in the midfield of the team.

A talented utility player, Kay served St George and Wollongong City, before joining Charlton Athletic, in the second division of the English League.

# Victoria set for Kiwis promotion

By Fred Villiers

Sunday's big double header — Ampol Cup final and international grudge match between the Socceroos and New Zealand at Melbourne's new-look Olympic Park — will remind us all of the good old days when players performed in front of packed terraces.

The promotion was conceived by Victoria's soccer boss, Mike Weinstein, and the new ASF commercial director, Peter Sheean.

The two men met in Melbourne last week and agreed if the game was to progress then new marketing ideas had to be tried out.

As well as the double header, there is a bonus. The international will be televised live by the Channel 7 network.

The proposition was put to the ASF and VSF and both gave their blessing. Soccer supporters have acclaimed the new venture with great enthusiasm.

The question one has to ask is when it comes to staging the right thing with co-operation, the Victorians always lead the way but unfortunately the state which claims to be the premier soccer state cannot always put its act together.

While the Ampol Cup is being played in Melbourne with big success with State League and NSL clubs co-operating and drawing big crowds through the gates, we read reports from Sydney which are depressing.

We hear of constant squabbles among NSL and state league clubs which must in the long run only damage the image of our great game.

The ASF and its president, Sir Arthur George, should put the NSW house in order. If they want West Nally's sponsorship to continue, these petty squabbles should stop once and for all.

It would be a backward step if the sponsorship was withdrawn because of the attitude of some irresponsible officials, coaches, and players in Sydney or in any other city for that matter.

Peter Sheean, who seems to have kicked off on the right foot, will only succeed if all states, clubs, officials, players and coaches co-operate with him.

This sponsorship, and the backing of the Channel 7 network, is soccer's last chance.

Let's make the best of it.



Allan Davidson

## AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND

The euphoria of Spain is over: New Zealand soccer appears to be sliding back to its provincial stupor.

The team which did so well in 1981 and 1982 is no more; the much-praised "unselfish" and "uncommercial" attitude of star players melted with the last snow on Mt Cook.

Even that wily, cagey old Scot Charlie Dempsey, who had masterminded the Kiwis' 1981 successes, seems to be powerless to stop the rot.

The team which will face Australia twice this week — Tuesday in Auckland, Sunday in Melbourne — is quite a different proposition from the 1982 side.

Missing will be captain and star midfielder Steve Sumner, unavailable for "family reasons", Steve Woodin, with the magic left foot, who prefers to keep training with South Melbourne and that precious talent, Wynton Rufer who has gone to play in the land of his father, Switzerland, appearing for FC Zurich.

Also missing will be goalie Richard Wilson, unceremoniously dropped as well as defender Glen Adam and veteran midfielder Brian Turner.

A major absentee, of course, will be the likeable coach John Adshead, only 10 months ago the toast of Kiwi soccer, the man who was feted and feasted in Malaga and Seville when he was rubbing shoulders with some of the game's immortals.

# Kiwis in turmoil, stars drop out

Adshead resigned last week and the job went to Allan Jones, his assistant.

The Kiwis, used to shoestring methods, are upset about the financial terms their austere association has offered the players.

They will receive the princely sum of \$50 per match and \$10 expenses per day — a total of less than \$200.

This explains Sumner's and Woodin's reluctance to represent their adopted country.

A few new faces may appear against Australia. One is Martin Felton, a central defender, 20, from the Papatoetoe club.

Striker Mike Groom and midfielder Alex Metzger have been reinstated after an absence of three years.

This is the New Zealand squad:

Goalkeepers: Barry Pickering, Frank Van Hattum. Defenders: Ricki Herbert, Martin Felton, Adrian Elrick, Alan Booth. Midfielders: Duncan Cole, Keith McKay, Ken Cresswell, Billy McClure, Grant Turner, Alex Metzger. Strikers: Mike Groom, Peter Henry.



Steve Woodin

• England Under 21 midfield star Mike Proctor was annoyed after being substituted in several matches for Nottingham Forest.

Proctor asked for a transfer. Forest manager Brian Clough immediately said he could leave.

## Blanco must be in Mexico

I've heard it mentioned in some quarters that Les Scheinflug's assistant Raul Blanco might be asked to stay at home to coach the senior side against England while the Young Socceroos are doing battle in the WYC in Mexico in June.

I think this would be the wrong decision if it happened.

Blanco's place in June is at the side of Les Scheinflug as it has been since this youth squad was formed.

Also Blanco's native Spanish language is a must in the Socceroo squad in Mexico.

I hate to think of some of the predicaments the Australian party would have been in during their stays in Acapulco and Costa Rica had it not been for the

Spanish-speaking Blanco. In such an important competition as the World Youth Cup Finals it is imperative Australia has a fluent Spanish speaking member of the party.

And it is an extra bonus if it happens to be the assistant coach.

— Tom Anderson



## Purge? it's a steamroller . . .

By David Jack



Rudi Gutendorf: a fallen idol.

young enough, and good enough, to make some challenge for national team status — providing they enjoy a successful 1983 club season.

But, with the pressure on in earnest from youngsters who have done Australia proud in Youth matches in 1981, 1982 and 1983, all discarded players will find

the going tough. Anyone who doubts that a new broom has swept through the Australian national soccer scene, should think about the 13 men who were missing when the Socceroos' plane took off for Auckland last Saturday.

A broom? More like a steamroller!

## Slater breaks leg



Robbie Slater, the talented young St George striker, suffered a broken shinbone last Friday.

He is expected to be out of action for at least two months.

The incident happened in the last seconds of the match against Sydney City.

That still leaves 10 who were star material less than two years ago who have been discarded by Scheinflug.

Remember the names? Allan Maher, Greg Woodhouse, Jim Tansey, Steve Perry, John Yzendoorn, Billy Rogers, Kenny Boden, Mark Jankovics, Murray Barnes and Bas Giampaolo.

Gutendorf placed great faith in these players, convinced they were the right men to take Australia into the World Cup finals in Spain.

Now they are gone and almost forgotten, though some, surely, have a chance of resurrection.

Woodhouse, Yzendoorn and Giampaolo are still

# Lady luck could help our cause

By Tom Anderson

imagine it being any different in Mexico.

Along such lines the 16 teams will be divided into four lots before the draw.

Then one team from each lot will be drawn to comprise the four groups for the first round of the championships that kick-off on June 3.

What we must now hope is that we are seeded in a favorable lot.

ASF President Sir Arthur George is a member of the organising committee and no doubt will be looking after our interests to a premium in Mexico City.

Using the 1981 championships as a guideline the following seedings could take place.

Lot 1 — Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico.

Lot 2 — Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Russia and Poland; Lot 3 — Holland, Austria, Australia and China. Lot 4 — Ivory Coast, Nigeria, the USA and South Korea.

### Hotshots

The draw would then take place from these lots and Australia's hopes would be boosted.

Our youngsters are capable of beating any of the South American teams from Group 1 and have already played and seen in action Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

Group 2 looks a hotshot group although with a bit of luck and fair refereeing our boys would have downed the USSR in Acapulco.

## Gully gets into final

By Fred Villiers

South Melbourne coach, Raleasic, said before the Ampol Cup semi final the team he feared most was Victorian State League champions, Green Gully.

And that's the way it turned out. On Friday,

McKendry's Gully side surprisingly beat the NSL glamor team of expensive talented star players 2-0 to advance to the Cup final, at Melbourne's Olympic Park, next Sunday.

The way McKendry out-



David Ratcliffe. Socceroo sweeper

## Adshead's fall was predictable

By Tom Anderson

their future.

In fact, I hope it's even blacker after Les Scheinf-

lug and his boys meet them tonight!

But Adshead was a straight shooter and deserved better fate.

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# Les: know-how and will-power

By John Economos

The Australian coach, Les Scheinflug, is very determined to lift Australia's stocks in international soccer.

Scheinflug, having already captained Australia back in 1965, knows well his country's requirements, strengths and weaknesses better than any imported national coach we have had in the past.

He drives his national squad hard at training, knowing full well that the Australian players' physical stamina can take it.

Whilst talking to Les at his training session, he peeled off to where Phil O'Connor and Peter Raskopoulos were going through block-tackles with one another.

Scheinflug took the ball off Raskopoulos and clashed in a tackle with O'Connor as if to say, "This is how it is done."

He came back to me and said: "Over the years, since my playing days here in Australia, soccer has become faster and more money, much more money has come into the game.



The Socceroo squad takes a refreshment break.

"Publicity also has focused in on soccer much more with the advent of television coverages which we never had before.

"But I must say that despite all this, skills and attractiveness have slowly

gone out of the game today and it is up to us coaches to fight and strive to bring the color and skills back into our brand of soccer."

Scheinflug continued: "Although our matches with New Zealand are friendlies, as far as we are concerned there is much more involved.

"They knocked us out of the 1982 World Cup and it is now only a matter of salvaging our national pride as we will be seeking revenge no matter what.

"So make no mistake, we are not treating this as a friendly series at all and Australia will be going flat out to nail New Zealand right down. We know no other way. Believe me."

Then he rushed back to coax and drive his charges relentlessly despite the heat of the day.

This was the morning session; another one was to come in the afternoon.

Any complaints, I asked some of the players.

Only a few grins and a couple of mock moans came as the reply.

The Rushcutters Bay training camp was not for the faint-hearted. The two clashes with the Kiwis was not just in everybody's mind but also in the air...



Garry Byrne "helping" David Ratcliffe to stretch.

Job at

Olympic

Sydney Olympic have not yet decided about their new administrative secretary.

Chances are the position will be offered on a part-time basis.



Joe Watson

## Watson stays

Joe Watson is likely to stay with Sydney City, after all.

Despite earlier reports that the little wizard was unsettled, he seems to have come to terms with his club.

Olympic and South Melbourne were both interested and a fee of \$15,000 was mentioned as his price tag.

## AMPOL CUP

### MINI AMPOL CUP

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

PROCTOR PARK,  
BATHURST

At 12 noon, Nepean v Western NSW Geo Christie Res, Wahroonga.

At 9.30am Ku-ring-gai v St George.

At 10.45am Manly v Bankstown.

BALGOWNIE OVAL  
At 10am Illawarra v Southern Dists.

BATES DRIVE

At 9.30am Granville v Sutherland.

At 10.45am Gladesville v Canterbury.

BLACKTOWN BYE IN GROUP B

RESULTS FROM FEB. 20

St George v Western NSW 3-1, Manly v Ku-ring-gai 3-2, Gladesville v Granville 2-1.

## SOCCE R TOURS AVAILABLE

By John Economos

The Sportswell Tours & Tournaments company has recently packaged a series of exciting soccer tours for 1983.

Managing director of Sportswell Tours, Roger Wellings told us last week: "As far as soccer goes, 1983 will be an exciting year for travelling.

"My company has made available many tours for soccer bodies and they have been designed to cater for all needs."

An overseas soccer tournament for the juniors has now been made available for all junior clubs, and this is a special Tournament called "The New Caledonia South Pacific Cup" for Under 13 and Under 15 teams.

This Tournament will take place in New Caledonia in October 1983.

Club or representative teams from Australia, New Zealand and throughout the Pacific region, are now being invited to contest the competition.

The travel package per person, costs from less than \$1,500 and repre-

sents a unique opportunity for the coach, player and club who are seriously looking to develop their future.

The Tournament will be organised on a group basis with the winners going through to the Final rounds.

In addition to a magnificent championship trophy, special prizes will be awarded to the winning team, the Player of The Series and the top goalscorer.

The Tournament is being organised by Sportswell Tour and Tournaments in conjunction with Bonar Travel.

For further information and finer details, all club secretaries, officials and players, should contact Roger Wellings on telephone (02) 232 7244, Sydney.

There are other tournaments now being organised by Sportswell Tours and include the GARUDA CUP in Bali for senior teams and a women's soccer tournament is also being organised in New Caledonia.

## Top whistler drops out

By Steve Burns



Phil O'Connor and coach Les Scheinflug during practice.

The National Soccer League has lost one of its most experienced referees — Canberra's Ken Allen who has refereed dozens of PSL games since its inception six years ago.

And that includes one Philips Cup Grand Final.

Allen's resignation from active refereeing came as a total surprise as he is still only 41.

"The reasons for my resignation are personal," Allen said.

"However, a major bearing on my decision was mental rather than physical. I was no longer enjoying my refereeing the way I did in the early years.

"Because of this — and other reasons — I decided to quit and concentrate on acting as a NSL referees' adjudicator.

"I felt this to be important as the Philips League and now NSL has made a revolutionary step forward in refereeing standards in Australia.

"I have had the experience at this level, experience few other refereeing inspectors have been able to enjoy. While my knowledge and appreciation is still current, I want to use it to help the game.

"I believe I can do this by taking up an appointment as a refereeing inspector. Now I've done it."



Ken Allen

# Sheean set to make us shine

By Keith Gilmour

Peter Sheean has suddenly appeared on the soccer scene with the avowed aim of lifting the code to the status enjoyed by the other major games in Australia.

Just appointed as Commercial Director for the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League, this 39-year old businessman-sportsman has the highly critical task of developing and selling the sport.

He is the linkman between Australian soccer and the West Nally Group with instructions to fashion Australian soccer under the "PROJECT 86" label.

West Nally handled the 1978 and 1982 World Cups final tournaments for FIFA, amongst a whole host of international sporting events.

Sheean sums up his basic philosophy for soccer. "The aim must be for solid development, with no overnight miracles. Ad hoc decisions must be avoided."

"I relish a challenge and I am undaunted by the massive job ahead."

And a mighty task it is, indeed.

It is well to recap what has occurred in the game in very recent times.

For starters the ASF's major activities have been underwritten by West Nally for a minimum four-year period.

A three-match tour by England will be followed by a four-nation tournament.

In between times the national Youth team has qualified for the World Cup Finals.

Channel Seven Sydney has signed up to telecast a regular series of Australia's international matches.

And, most importantly, foreign visa players will probably be phased out by 1985.

But back to Sheean and his beginnings.

"My parents could not afford much in the way of education, so I started work at 14."

"I had 15 years with Davids Holdings, the big grocery wholesalers, and finished up a general manager."

"When I started the annual turnover was \$10 million. When I left it was \$400 million."

"Davids grew very steadily, and I approach my soccer duties similarly," he said.

## Links forged

Sheean moved on to Parramatta Leagues Club as chief executive with the main task of establishing the Parramatta Stadium — a dream that is as yet unfulfilled.

"I was never one thing or another when it came to sports, but I linked the major stadium to Parramatta Rugby League because it is the biggest drawing club in NSW."

"I was always an advocate of soccer for the stadium. I was the marketer for the Leagues Club."

"Wherever the stadium is built it will need soccer."

just as soccer will need the stadium," he continued.

At present the project has State Government approval, but the environmentalists have given it a caning and so far not a single sod has been turned.

In such matters there is one steely-haired fighter who is not easily put off.

But what basic work is Sheean to perform in Soccer?



Peter Sheean

His prime responsibilities are to promote the national team, the national youth team and the National Soccer League.

Also covered is the code's image around the country, marketing and promotion sponsorships and finance — everything that will deliver success to the Australian soccer system.

Intriguing indeed is Sheean's link with the National League, of which Stefan Kamasz was recently appointed secretary.

Technically Sheean is chief executive of this organisation, a point which Sheean interprets as "helping Steve in his role of managing the League and so making it more effective."

There is no overlap with ASF Executive Director Brian Emery's enormous administrative load.

Sheean foresees "total rapport" with these officers as well as with ASF chairman Sir Arthur George and League chairman Sam Papasavas.

He has been quick to start his interstate visits and senses an underlying unity which can gradually be transformed into a mutual understanding of the road ahead.

## Local flavor

Sheean has checked out much of the America, and indeed around the world.

His clear belief is that Australian soccer should be neither Europeanised or Americanised or anything else — it must be developed appropriately for the Australian sports market place.

For the clubs, the value of the end-of-season play-offs will receive emphasis in view of their proven potential in Australia.

Peter Sheean lives in the often invigorating air of Springwood on Sydney's Lower Blue Mountains.

The family comprises

wife Sandra, daughter Carolyn 14, and sons Patrick 12 and Gerard 9.

Pat turns out for Springwood Soccer Club and Gerard for nearby Blaxland in the big Nepean Soccer Association.

Many people in soccer have already taken heart from having a man of Sheean's drive and vision in the camp.

Olympic president Jim Petrellis told me: "I had a

lot of dealings with Davids Holdings when Peter Sheean was there. I was always glad to do business with him."

One soccer expert has grave doubts that the Italian national team is being sought for a 1984 tour in view of the players' extensive commitments.

Sheean says talks are taking place over a visit following next year's European Cup. We will see what transpires.

## Refs needed

By Steve Burns

The ACT Referees' Association has launched an appeal for more recruits.

"There is a shortage of referees and that shortage could become serious," said association secretary, Ramon Montero.

"We hope more people will put something back into the game by becoming referees."

The association's 1983 referees' classes will be held between March 7 and March 23 at the O'Connell Education Centre in Stuart Street, Griffith.

"To get their initial certificate, applicants have to attend the six classes for two-and-a-half hours between 7pm and 7.30pm — on the nights of March 7, 9, 14, 16 and 21 with the examinations being held on March 23," Montero

said. Those wishing to register should phone him at home on Canberra 58 3070 or write to:

The ACT Soccer Federation, P.O. Box 1168, Canberra City, ACT.

The association has also organised a major seminar for coaches and senior and junior referees at the Canberra Workers' Club, beginning February 27.

"It is one of our major pre-season efforts," said Montero.

"It will be addressed by the national referees' coach, Leo Wilson, the assistant national referees' coach, Dennis MacDermott and ACT Referees' Coach, John Van der Lende."

## Upsets in Queensland

By Greg Russell

The pre-season tournament is now well underway in Queensland and the competition certainly has provided some interesting matches.

One of the biggest surprises came on opening night when Brisbane Olympic easily brushed aside a disorganised looking Mount Gravatt and ran out comfortable 3-1 winners.

Mount Gravatt, first division, are now under the guidance of former player John Reid. And after their initial showing Reid has a lot of work ahead to mould the side back into a strong outfit which will contend for honors in the new Premier League.

But if Reid was worried about the job ahead he probably considered himself lucky in comparison with Lions' Simon Kistemaker who must have had nightmares after his team's showing against North Star in the game immediately following Mount Gravatt's.

Lions won 4-2 but it was one of the scrappiest performances the club has given at top level for years and North Star, a third divi-

# Canberra pen friends

By Steve Burns

In a major off-the-field development, Canberra Arrows' new secretary/administrator, Karen Grega, has grabbed an important, secondary sponsorship.

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# Lure of the East plus money

A growing exodus of top quality Australian players — particularly young single players — will play in Hong Kong in the off seasons.

That's the confident prediction of former St George player and Canberra Arrows coach, Vic Fernandez — now in his second season as coach of one of Hong Kong's top clubs, Tung Sing.

"Bringing players to Hong Kong is a fact of life in Hong Kong soccer," said Fernandez during a brief stay in Canberra last week.

"They bring some of the best players in the world."

"A number of Australians played last year — I had four in my own team:

By Steve Burns

\$1,500 a month, plus accommodation and other

## Fixture mess

"I know there has been criticism of the standard of accommodation but I think that will get better."

"For me the biggest problem is the irregularity of fixtures with only 10 teams in the competition waiting for dates in the two established stadiums where Hong Kong League games are played."

"Some times you can have gaps of three and four weeks between a game."

"Then it is difficult to

limited. To avoid excesses a player has to be mentally strong."

Fernandez said those Australians who had played in Hong Kong were generally highly regarded.

"More youngsters will want to achieve what is almost full-time professionalism," said Fernandez.

"Their clubs also know that when they return, they are absolutely match fit."

The counter-balance to that view comes from Canberra's skipper Terry Byrne who was a big success in Hong Kong.

"It is great — particularly if you are single and unattached," he said.

"But you have to watch



Vic Fernandez, (left back row) despite pushing 50, looking remarkably fit, with some of his imports — from left back row, Abel Fernandez (Portugal), Joe Denacimento (Morocco) and Moses De Melo (Brazil); front: Phil Reis (ex-Canberra Arrows and a big success), C.De Silva (Brazil) and Gonzalez Hertz (Brazil).

young Oscar Crino from South Melbourne and three Canberra players, Duncan Cole, Terry Byrne and Tony Brennan.

"There were other Australians playing with other teams."

"But I believe it is still but the tip of the iceberg."

"I had numerous players approach me about playing with Tung Sing. I would have liked to have accommodated them all but couldn't."

"I already had sufficient overseas imports."

"But I believe more and more youngsters will look to Hong Kong in the September to early January period."

"They can look forward to good rewards. On average I would think clubs would be offering about fringe benefits such as bonuses."

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# Perin may come back

By Tom McKain

Since he quit Adelaide City as co-coach, Johnny Perin has had no shortage of offers.

And they've been to play again, not only coach.

"My future is in limbo at the moment, but it's nice to know you're still wanted," said Perin, who admits he

has started training again on his own.

"You never know what might turn up, and while I couldn't play in the Ampol Cup, I could be ready for the NSL."

He would not elaborate, but says he is a free player under the new contract he had with City, and no transfer fee would be involved.



Johnny Perin

## TASMANIA

By Van Dieman

The pre-season summer cup competition in Tasmania begins on Wednesday, March 8.

Games will be played on Wednesdays and Sundays, culminating in the finals on Easter Monday.

There will be two separate competitions this year, one for the Cadbury State League teams, the other for the Rothmans League teams.

The Cadbury League teams have been put into two groups of four for a round-robin tournament, the winners of the two groups meeting in the final. The same arrangement will apply to the Rothmans League teams.

The groupings for the Cadbury League teams are:

GROUP 1 — Juventus, White Eagles, Croatia, Rapid

GROUP 2 — Caledonians, Olympia, Croatia, Rapid

There have been several changes of coaches and players amongst the Southern State League clubs.

Juventus have retained Peter Brine as coach but have lost their 1982 Rothmans Gold Medal winner, Eric Young, who has signed for Victoria's Morwell Falcons.

Champion Rapid-Wrest Point have lost coach Eamon Kelly to Caledo-

nians and looks like losing three or four of their best players, too.

The club's new coach is David Crosson, last season's sweeper and a former professional with England's Newcastle United.

Brian McKay stays in charge at Olympia who hope to sign one of the State's best defenders, Chris Hey, of Caledonians.

White Eagles have appointed Bobby Rybak as their coach but he has resigned after only a few training sessions.

The club is now reportedly negotiating with its coach of the past three years, Eugene Mycak.

John Grimsey takes over the coaching position at Croatia, while Metro-Claremont have retained Barry Shacklady.

Caledonians have championship-winning coach Eamon Kelly from Rapid but will miss the playing talents of Alan Tait, their star of last year.

Tait has left the State and may be returning to the United Kingdom.

Newly-promoted University has the ex-Aberdeen physiotherapist Ron Coutts as coach.

He took them to the League and Cup double in the Rothmans League last season so it will be interesting to study the club's progress in the State League.

At 34, he is still a class player, and could get through any match for the full 90 minutes, particularly as sweeper, the role he eventually filled for City after years as a star midfielder.

First to offer him a chance to play again was former team-mate Eric Norman, who last week took over as Campbelltown coach from dual bosses Denis Harlow and Dennis Grant, who quit after two years — and a 4-0 defeat in the opening Ampol round.

Norman played alongside Perin when City was Juventus, and Perin signed him for the national league club's coaching staff this year.

"Perin was offered the Campbelltown job and recommended me when he turned it down," said Norman.

"I would love to see him back in the game, and I have asked him to consider playing for us."

But Perin has turned down the offer.

"Eric and I go back a long way, but at this stage I cannot make any firm decision about playing," said Perin.

## Guest coach

Perin has also had invitations from coaches to take

sessions as a guest coach with their clubs.

"I might freelance for a season," he said.

Asked if he would consider playing for West

Adelaide, Perin said he had no comment to make until an offer was made.

Asked if he would like Perin in his line up, West coach Alan Vest said: "It's worth a thought."

However, interstate clubs have also been nibbling, and Perin has often promised his Melbourne-born wife that if he got the chance he would make a move to Victoria, where he played a season for Melbourne Juventus in his younger days.

At the moment his coaching is confined to helping State coaching director Mike Wells with the SA Youth squad.

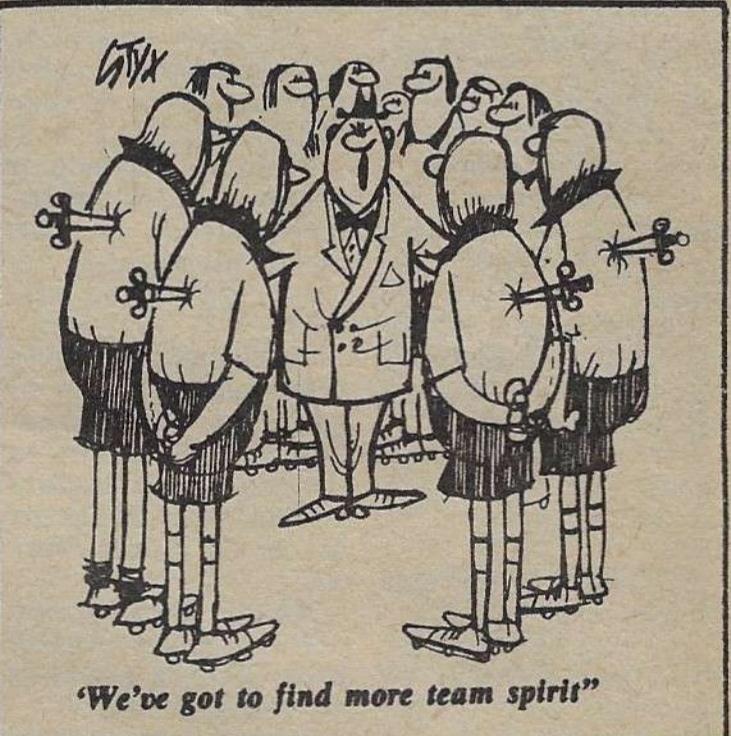
If he did decide to play for West it would recall the season when Alex Byrne, former Celtic star who joined West — then Hellas — as a player, quit to coach City (then Juventus).

He then returned to Hellas to play again, and eventually coach.

It would be ironic if Perin turned out for West, then went back to City as a coach.

## Guest coach

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# SHILTON STILL TOPS

SOUTHAMPTON and England goalkeeper Peter Shilton is set to have his worst-ever season as far as goals conceded are concerned.

Yet Peter is playing better than ever, a view that has been endorsed not only by his own manager, Lawrie McMenemy — "Peter gets better with every game" — but a string of opposing players and bosses.

Ipswich's Bobby Ferguson said Shilton was "easily the best around" after a super display at Portman Road recently.

Paul Mariner, even though he scored, left the ground shaking his head saying: "With any other keeper we'd have scored two or three more goals."

Shilton has always been a training fanatic and admits since his transfer from Forest to Saints he's worked harder than ever.

"But I love it," he says. "I enjoy the day-to-day slog. An hour and a half's shooting practice keeps me sharp."

"I have three and a half years of my contract, which takes me up to the 1986 World Cup Finals. I'm confident I can help Southampton to success and keep my place in the England team."

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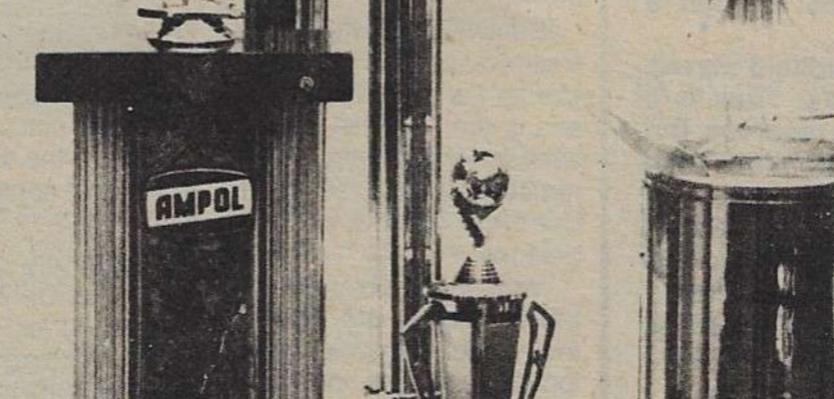
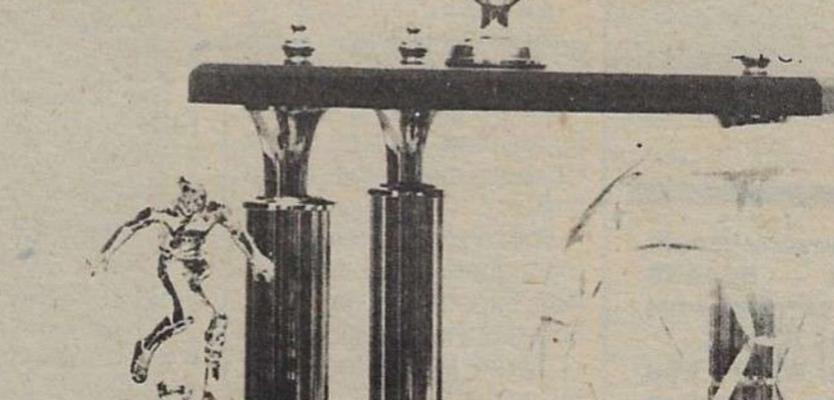
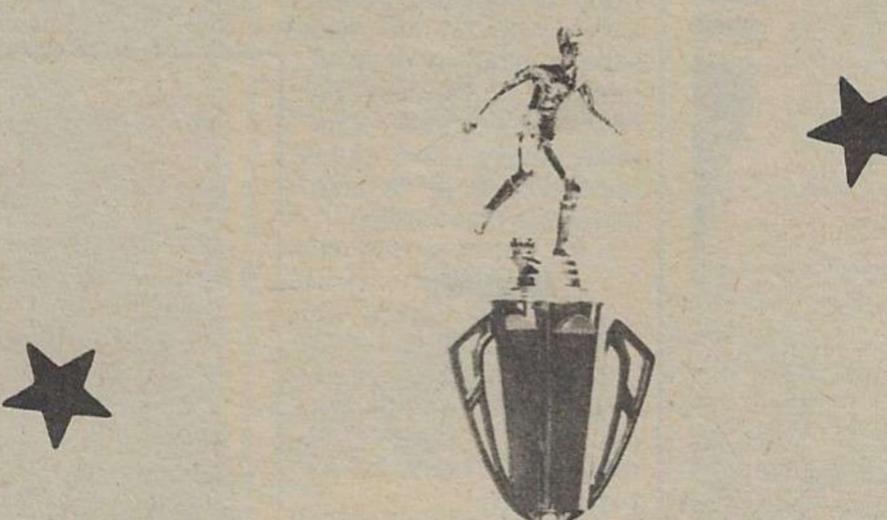
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- match of the day package
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- the sponsor's name, telephone number and product in soccer paper ads
- the sponsor's name and logo in daily newspaper ads
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# Kiwi defender adds strength

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

## OLYMPIC

The way the young Olympians are playing with such spirit and enthusiasm, Tommy Docherty's team looks destined for an encouraging season.

I believe New Zealand international stopper Ricky Herbert, striker Marshall Soper and national midfielder Peter Katholos will have a significant bearing on how Olympic shape up.

Last year the Olympians at one stage climbed to the top of the table, but they failed to stay there long. The cause of the dramatic fall was the weakness in the centre of the defence.

Herbert, can minimise that weakness.

We have seen him in action only on a few occasions yet. He gives a good impression with his determination to fight.

His experience from last year's World Cup participation in Spain surely will help strengthen the Olympic defence.

Herbert's style of play indicates how simply he acts to win the ball from an opposition striker.

What he needs now is a little more understanding which will come with time.

The second part of Olympic's backbone this year is Peter Katholos, unquestionably the greatest midfielder in Australia.

He has almost everything: skill, guts and resistance. He's an inspiration to his team mates.

Katholos reads the game so intelligently that it is hard to believe he's only 22.

This young man has a powerful left foot shot which can end in the net if the opponent makes the mistake of giving him space to run in or out of the box.

Katholos last year scored rocket goals from dead ball situations or from free kicks.

Along with Peter Raskopoulos, he spent one month last November in Athens training with Panathinaikos under the famous Rumanian coach Stefan Kouach.

### Leading marksman

Last year Sydney Olympic scored 42 goals. Young Mark Koussas was top scorer.

This year Marshall Soper is expected to be the leading marksman. That's his trade to score goals. But he must control his temper.

He's young and strong, good in the air and good on the ground.

Last year with Leichhardt he didn't offer much. With his new club and under Docherty, he has already shown signs of things to come.



Peter Katholos

**Remi Moses has been a star of several recent Manchester United performances — despite suggestions that he might have to surrender his midfield spot to England captain Ray Wilkins.**

**This has been a terrible season for Wilkins who originally lost his first team place through a broken cheekbone.**

**Arnold Muhren, United's Dutch midfield wizard, has sympathy for Wilkins and says: "Ray is a great player — too good to be in the reserves. But he's not a ball-winner. Remi is. Maybe that's what we have needed."**

**Moses (22) says he wants to become the best midfielder in the world and United manager Ron Atkinson, who calls him "The little back fella," commented: "In his last seven or eight matches, he's been as good as any player at Old Trafford."**

★ ★ ★

Alan Brazil is angry about the transfer valuation put on him by team manager Bobby Ferguson. The figure is \$1,200,000. While this caused Brazil to protest, Ipswich directors backed Ferguson on his estimate of the player's value.

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**Norwich City's defensive line-up is two full-backs and three centre-halves.**

**At a time when football is appealing for more attacking methods, that's hardly a progressive move.**

**Norwich are 21st in the 22-team first division!**

# Russell could play key role for Rasic

By Con Nikolopoulos

South Melbourne stars, Bobby Russell, Allan Davidson and Kenny Murphy, may not be demigods, but are qualified enough to lead their team in its campaign for the 1983 championship title.

The South Melbourne machine has been set in motion, since December, and the trio have proved its most valuable components.

A defending tower Russell has moved in to right-full back and prepares for a permanent position in the club's hall of fame.

Allan Davidson has regained his confidence and is certain to revive his Maradona image in Australian soccer.

Kenny Murphy has assumed the role of the general in the midfield, and has so far fulfilled the daunting task with admirable perfection.

Bobby Russell, arguably Australia's most talented defender, combines perfect defending and immaculate attacking qualities.

A tower of strength, he faces his opponents head on, in the air and on the ground, usually emerging winner, whatever their strength.

His great anticipation is another aspect of his unlimited talent. The perfect positioning on the field, either in attack or defense, testifies to the fact that Russell anticipates, accurately, every move of his opponents, or of his teammates, for that matter.

### Mobility

Incomparable mobility is another aspect of his talent. He hardly stops during a game, covering almost every blade of the playing field.

Aggressiveness is another remarkable quality. Russell has always been an attacking avenue for his team, with his quick dashes along the touch line.

With a scoring record of eight goals in two seasons, he is expected to net a few, now that the attacking style of South Melbourne, suits his own.

Endowed by nature with tremendous physical strength and agility, Davidson is the versatile player who can interchange, with remarkable ease, between the midfield and the defense.

With tremendous adaptability, he is one of the few, if not the only right-footer, who can perform successfully in the position of the left full back. An advantage that helps him eliminate his opponents.

Skilful, tough, uncompromising, adventurous, resolute, Davidson is the perfect example of the complete footballer.

### Playmaker

Accurate distributor of the ball, he often assumes

the role of the play-maker, displaying qualities of a tremendous leader.

But the particular trait, that has elevated him to the top echelons of Australian soccer, is his unrivalled aggression.

Whether in left full back or in midfield, he storms forward causing panic in the opposing line-up.

A regular goal scorer, with a lethal right foot, he is expected to figure in this year's scoring charts.

Kenny Murphy, is the best midfielder South Melbourne has acquired, since the days of the great Jimmy McKay.

He joined South Melbourne from Melbourne Croatia, and is considered, by many, the heavenly gift to the Blues.

A natural leader, with superb temperament, he has become the driving force of the team.

Extremely mobile, he covers almost every area of the field, prompting and defending, according to the circumstances.

A stubborn fighter, he wins most of his personal duels, setting the good example for his teammates.

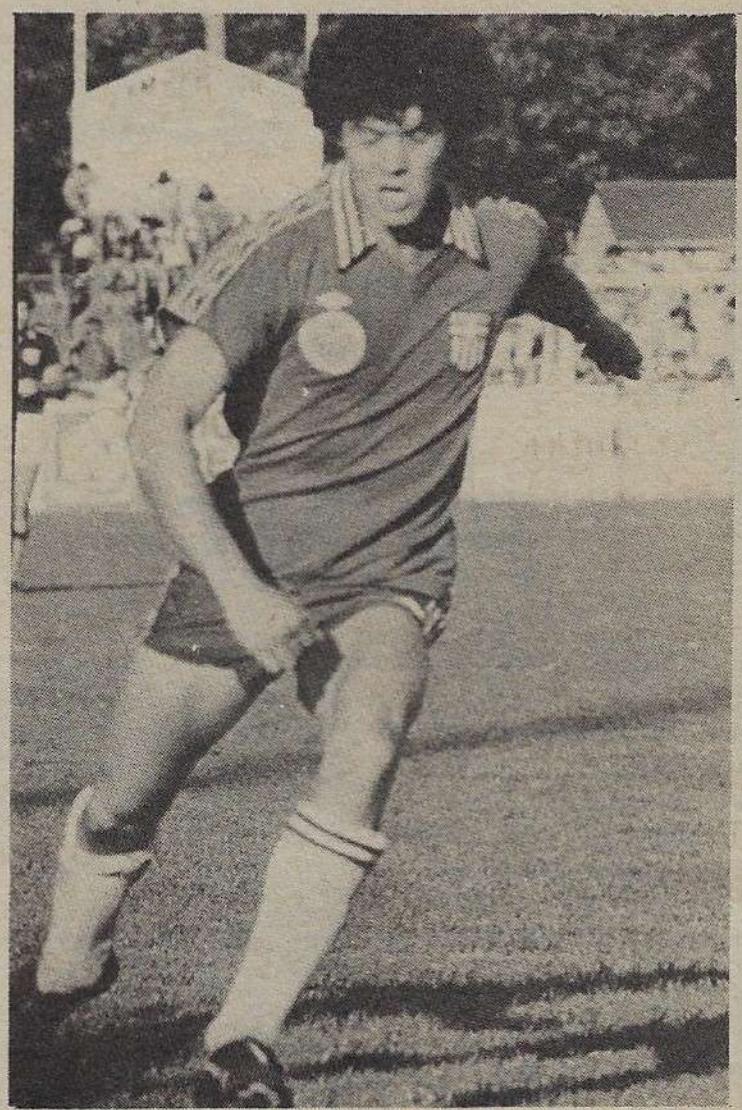
A shrewd play-maker, he creates a lot of scoring opportunities for his forwards, while his own personal runs on and off the ball

enable him to score.

His accurate right foot distributes the ball at any distance, and his ability to read the game helps him arrange his team on the park.

His powerful shot that

earned him the reputation of the executioner of the Victorian State League, has already been recognised by his opponents in the National competition, and is regarded as his most effective weapon.



Alan Davidson

# Women change their mind . . .

Information on new management changes has been received from the NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

The President for the 1983 season is Ron Tripp who had to survive a ballot for the position.

A newcomer to the soccer scene at State level is Phil Whitcomb from the Blacktown Association. He will be the Senior Vice President in the NSW line-up this year.

Anne Speed, a soccer player with the Dee Why (Sydney) club, has been elected to the all-important position of secretary to the association.

Previously a stop-gap vice-president with the committee last year, Anne is no stranger to the administrative side of soccer clubs. She had been the secretary of the Dee Why Club for several years. Studying books on meeting procedure and keeping presidents on the right track is right up her alley.

Anne took on the arduous task of manageress to the NSW senior women's team last year and passed with flying colors.

Putting something back

both of whom have played with distinction in the State side for a number of years.

All of them have expressed the desire to put something back into the game and will concentrate on coaching administration.

The treasury is back in the hands of capable Joan Andrews of the Ku-ring-ai Association. Joan, unflappable, always seems to direct the talk of spending thousands into why the federation should keep the cents in the bank.

The news media representative on the committee is also a newcomer to the State committee.

Her name is Barbara Ashton from the Eastern Suburbs Association and although she is a player and also has a daughter playing, Barbara says that she will keep the news flowing.

The remaining men on the committee are David Tomlinson, the competition secretary who can work out complex draws in his head and Lal Byers who has taken on the position of State Registrar.

Carol Broughton is the Assistant and Minute Secretary again this year and completes what appears to be a balanced committee.

# O'Connor's skill a big asset

BY PHIL MURPHY

Wollongong City will be pinning their hopes on international striker Phil O'Connor, youth star Ray Vliestra and goalkeeper Jim Preston as they prepare to emulate their efforts of last season.

The Wolves provided the shock of 1982 when they zoomed from last place to finish third, but the players know it won't be quite so easy this time around.

One advantage they will have on the opposition is a new ground and this is always a psychological advantage.

Just when players from other teams have become used to the scenery at Wollongong Showground they now find themselves with a shorter trip — to Ziems Park, Corrimal.

Coach Willie Wallace makes no secret of the fact he is looking for big things from O'Connor this year.

The talented winger was leading scorer in the last campaign and although certain to come in for some very tough marking, has the ball skills and speed to be the Wolves' biggest asset.

His ability to "ghost" from one wing to the other and create space was a feature of the team's performances last season and if Wallace decides on a 4-3-4 system O'Connor will get even more scope.

O'Connor says the new season is a real challenge for him.

"We will have a slightly new-look team from last year and some people are saying we will struggle, but there is enough talent in the squad for us to win our share of games," he said.

"I just hope I can get among the goals again and that the supporters give the players a fair go right from the start."

"Some of the boys were a little disappointed last year when we had such a good run in the league but still couldn't attract any big crowds."

## Late starter

Vliestra has missed all of the Wolves early-season preparation being away with Les Scheinflug's youth team but that experience is certain to benefit his club.

While his inexperience showed through at times last season, he gave some strong performances in the middle of the back four.

His assignment this season is extremely tough as he replaces the consistent Arno Bertogna as stopper.

At this stage he appears likely to team up with the experienced Jeff Ainsworth, who will take up the role of sweeper.

Skipper Chris Dunleavy, a late starter after a foot operation, looks likely to retain the left fullback spot.

## W'GONG

Some supporters are a little worried that Vliestra will return from the glory of international football with a high opinion of his ability.

I don't think so . . . the youngster worked hard to get in to that Australian team and he will be the first to admit his ambition now will be to make it into the senior squad.

Knowing Vliestra, I don't think he is likely to jeopardise that chance by trying to tell older players with the Wolves what the game is all about.

His dedication to soccer

ston, who could be the busiest player in the side early in the premiership.

At one stage it seemed likely Preston would return to Newcastle this season but he has decided on one more stint with the South Coast outfit.

The Scot found some of the early roadwork endured by the squad a bit tough but looks to be in good shape.

"I haven't run that far since I tried to catch a bus in Glasgow six years ago," Preston said as he slumped to the ground af-



Phil O'Connor

is a shining example to any kid who has a faint hope of wearing the green and gold.

A strong tackler and particularly strong in the air, Vliestra — with the polish of international football — is the perfect replacement for Bertogna.

## Good shape

Bertogna himself has said many times the young defender will go right to the top because he has that dedication that others lack.

The Wolves' third key player is certain to be Pre-

ter a 15-kilometre trek under the supervision of youth team coach Wally Miller.

Preston won back his place in the first team last year after Natch Vardareff started off as first choice.

He made the most of his chance and this year wants to stay number one right through the season.

Vardareff is certain to pressure him for his job and this can only benefit both players.

So, if O'Connor, Vliestra and Preston live up to expectations the Wolves could howl again in '83.



Alan Whittle

We often hear there are no good players around any more but Preston, who had one of their best seasons last year, have a little beauty in winger-striker Doug Brown.

Back from a holiday in the UK, the Brown Bomber, as he's affectionately known among Broadhurst Avenue fans, has already given the knockers their answer.

For those who insist, quite wrongly, that there are no personalities left in the game, it's a case of Brown being one of the best.

Doug's one of the most lethal finishers in soccer in Australia.

In spite of Preston's recent troubles — they were thrashed in their opening practice games — Brown has soldiered on magnificently and has remained a totally unselfish player. When he's really playing well there is no finer sight in football than Brown in full flight.

## Good wine

Preston are indeed fortunate to have Richard Wilson, the New Zealand World Cup goalkeeper, in their team. He covers well, reads the game well, and is one of the best goalies in the air.

They say goalkeepers mature with age like good wine. They are supposed to be at their peak when they're 30.

Wilson, at 27, still has three years to go to qualify for this theory but in my book, he's at his peak right now.

I'm forecasting he'll be one of the hardest men to beat between the posts this season.

# Unselfish Brown is dynamite

By Fred Villiers

He's become much more of a team player in recent Ampol Cup games and that has been to Preston's benefit.

His World Cup elimination games with the Kiwis is beginning to show out for the Preston club. He has safe hands and is brave when faced by a lone attacker. He has no fear in diving at their feet to smother the ball and put it out of danger.

It's daring efforts like this which make him No. 1 keeper and one of the best three players in the Preston camp.

## Roving role

Alan Whittle, the former Everton star, more than anyone, has shot Preston to the top.

He's a true professional and a tireless worker in his roving role in midfield.

Even after all he's achieved, he still battles away in the rear, up front, anywhere where it really hurts.

His efforts speak volumes for his character and makes him just about the most influential player in Australia at present.

Because of his work rate, Whittle is vital to Preston. He has done it all.

Won it all. Yet his enthusiasm for the game never wavers.

At his age, and after all

## PRESTON

he's achieved with a fine reputation in the UK behind him, it would have been easy for him to migrate to Australia and play out the rest of his career quietly.

But whenever you see him on the field, Whittle remains a wonderful inspiration, not just to his teammates, but also to young players coming into the game and to the fans.

## Third Division

By P. Salapatas

BATHURST, relegated to the third division this year, intend to bounce back again.

These are the thoughts of the committee and training under Alex Lamberton has been impressive.

The club welcomes back Jeff Hadley as player and second grade coach.

The committee is also pleased that the Telford Motor Lodge is sponsoring the club in a package deal involving use of the premises on home match days as well — and the purchase of 12 acres to build the club's own complex in the future.

CSI SCHOFIELDS, under coach Filiberto Luchetti and trainer Robert Falchi, look forward to 1983 as a season of promise.

Their association with the CSI Ltd Club has led to a greater influx of players and the continued support of the club's members is assured.

The club is also looking forward to works being completed at Scholfields Park very soon.

After a rather inconsistent season in 1982, NTH RYDE, under coach Glen Walker, hope to give an improved showing in 1983 and reach the top four.

Third grade coach Tony Farrar is also looking forward to his team improving for the season with a view to also making the top four.

## THE HILLS

At BAULKHAM HILLS, coaches Jim Horne and R. Kimber are building on the players that were with the club last year.

The club's players form a very young squad with the majority being under 21 and having come through the club's juniors.

The committee is also looking forward to new facilities being completed at the Horwood Reserve.

# STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

## Quotes of the week

By Peter Desira

John Spanos, on his transfer from Sydney City to Heidelberg, "I felt stale at Sydney City and thought a change was a good thing. I've settled in well here and have no regrets about leaving. Heidelberg has a good team, has always done well in the National League, gets good crowds and the set-up is tops. I knew coach Ken Morton from my time in Perth so I had an idea of what I was coming to. We've a good squad. All it needs is two or three more players to be able to fall back on in case of injuries."

Tony Vrzina, coach of

## SINGLE SHOTS

Ringwood City captain John Luyten has been placed on the transfer list and is currently talking terms with Springvale City.



Polonia's only signing so far is 17-year-old midfielder George Petrov from Kew Park Rangers.

"This youngster has a big future," coach Mike Lynn said.

"He's slightly built but is solid in the tackle and has all the attributes of a class player. He is training hard, is a good listener, and has every chance to establish himself as a regular in the senior side."

The only departure from the club is likely to be veteran defender Stan Klain who may move to Metropolitan League club Werribee.



Green Gully has knocked back a request from Gordon Wallace to rejoin the club.

The former Gully midfielder returned to Scotland halfway through a two year contract but has now written to a supporter asking for the club to sponsor him as a temporary visa player again.

"We're not interested in bringing Gordon back. Visa vacancies are hard to come by and we intend to use them on younger players," Gully president Guy Spiteri said.

Wallace is in his early 30s and falls short of the target man Gully has in mind for a recruit. The club's main aim is to get a tall striker to replace Gus MacLeod who has moved to Footscray.



Norman Maitland, still scratching his head at

## BRIEFLY

By Con Nikolopoulos

Heidelberg United President Sam Goulopoulos wants supporters of his club "to stop harassing Gary Cole".

"I am very annoyed with supporters picking on Gary," he told the Australian Soccer Weekly.

"Gary is going through a very bad spell at the moment and needs support, rather than abuse, to be able to pull through. Cole is the player who has given them a lot of thrills and this is the time to show their appreciation".



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Paul Kay



Victorian National League Clubs are planning a charity game, to assist the victims of the devastating bushfires.

Officials have been meeting to decide the date and the venue, as well as the admission fee to be charged.

It is believed that a combined South Melbourne-Heidelberg United team will meet a Footscray-Preston combination.

Northcote, on his new signing Colin Quigley, "This is one player who will play for Victoria in the near future. There is no better midfielder in the State. His distribution with long passing is unbelievable and he will prove to be the best buy of the season."

Dennis Boland, on his return to Footscray after vowing not to play for them ever again last year, "My only disagreements were with the committee. The new people in charge are lot more level-headed and there are no problems now so I will probably stay this season."



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## Victoria McKendry's salvo at Scheinflug

By Peter Desira

will lower the playing standard of the game.

"It's a marvellous result by the Australian Youth team in Costa Rica, for the boys as much as for the country. But we mustn't get carried away that we're producing hundreds of good young players — because we're not," McKendry said.

And the outspoken former Victorian State coach has fired several broadsides at the sudden euphoria that has erupted from Australia's qualification for the Youth finals in Mexico.

"I believe Scheinflug should stay to look after the matches against England," McKendry said.

"His first job is the national team and his place is with them."

"There is no need for him to go to Mexico. He has a number two who should be qualified to take charge of the Youth team."

Present plans indicate that both Scheinflug and assistant coach Raul Blanco will go to Mexico leaving a stand-in to take charge of the senior Socceroos for the three matches against England.

"I can't understand why the ASF has to appoint a stand-in when we already have an assistant national coach. Since Blanco has been nominated as number two, he must be qualified to take over from Scheinflug in these cases — or not be there at all," said the Gully supremo.

That the stand-ins being considered are two more Sydneysiders - Eddie Thomson and Frank Arok - also is a point of contention with McKendry.

"Everything is so loaded towards Sydney it's unbelievable."

"It has reached a stage where players now realise they have to play in Sydney to stand any chance of getting into the national team.

### Sydney bias

"They (the ASF top brass) have to start realising that the south is developing as much as the north."

"It's become ridiculously one-sided and will split the country in two, soccerwise," he said.

Victoria has only three representatives in the national team and even fewer — only one — in the Youth team. And a Victorian has not been national coach since Tony Boggi filled in as caretaker in the early seventies.

McKendry's other gripe with the ASF is over its policy to scrap imports completely.

McKendry argues that plans to abolish imports

"And even Fab Incalupo at Juventus ran hot and cold in the State League competition last year.

"Don't get me wrong. I am pleased to see the Youth Socceroos doing well and we do produce some excellent players — Alan Davidson and Charlie Yankos are prime exam-

"But he made the jump so well because of the standard of players around him. The experience of Jim Campbell, Arthur McMillan, Jamie Paton and John Yzendoorn around him ensured he got on in leaps and bounds.

"This is why I'm in favor of imports and I think it's crazy that the Australian Soccer Federation has reduced it to three per team this year and will cut it out completely in two season's time.

"We need the carefully chosen imports; the type of player I'm talking about is David Smallman, the Green Gully midfielder, who does it all in England and then comes to Australia and can still produce.

"Or, more importantly, ones like Paul Lewis (the Green Gully striker). This player is only 22 and has responded marvellously to the training methods I'm using. I kid you not — he is going to be a revelation in a year's time.

"It's a strange situation that even England has now opened up the gates to imports whereas we want to shut them completely.

"Sir Arthur George is so out of touch with the way to develop youth into senior players," concluded McKendry.

### Rasic dissents

Meanwhile South Melbourne coach Raleasic thinks the exact opposite to McKendry and says Scheinflug need not have second thoughts about leading the Youth team to Mexico.

"The Youth Championship is the second biggest international soccer event in the world," Rasic said.

"It will mean world recognition for the country and that is the most important thing by far.

"It provides the key and the base to Australia's qualification for the World Cup in 1986.

"For Scheinflug and Blanco, it will be a world experience and the ASF should send with them a delegation to analyse the World Youth Championship and implement in practice, and help develop further, our youth policy."

Rasic has his own explanation for the lack of Victorian representation in the Young Socceroos.

Rasic said, "Soccer in NSW at junior level is outstanding.

"But a large part of the success at Youth level must be linked with the Institute of Sport."



McKendry, critical



Rasic, speaks up

# Victoria RASIC SEEKS INSURANCE

By Fred Villiers

Rale Rasic, South Melbourne coach, wants all his players insured when they represent Australia.

He made this demand after his star defender, Bobby Russell, was injured training with the Socceroos against Newcastle.

"Who compensates my club and who compensates the player?" he asked.

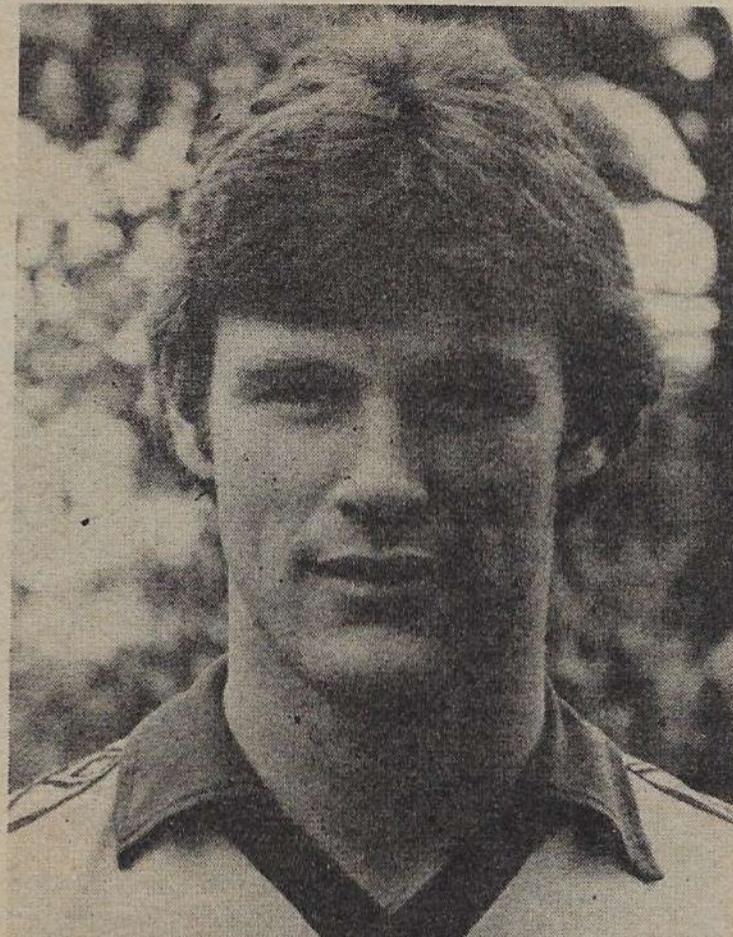
"I will not release my players for the national team unless they are fully insured," he told Australian Soccer Weekly.

"If necessary I will insist on this. Before they leave I want something in writing in future."

"I want all my players who play for Australia covered for insurance when they go to training camps with the Socceroos."

Rasic said as a result of the injury to Russell, it could have cost his club \$20,000 in prizemoney from the Ampol Cup competition, which he said was the best organised soccer competition in Australia.

"The ASF treat state competitions as a joke. They give no consideration



Steve Blair

for the Ampol Cup.

"This has nothing to do with Les Scheinflug or Sir

Arthur George, and I am not going to criticise any national coach as it goes against my code of ethics," he said.

Rasic said he found his new club "unprofessional." He said the team had been allowed to play for four or five years without being told what to do.

Rasic said he had been studying the styles of the NSL and State League teams playing in the Ampol Cup and there is not all that

difference between them.

"I congratulate Croatia, Falcons, Ajax and Juventus. From what I have seen one team which has impressed me most is Green Gully Ajax. They played a hard game against Preston and they beat Footscray."

He said it was a pity he had to lose Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and Bobby Russell to the national team. He said the New Zealand game was a fine example of lack of co-ordination between the ASF and the state federation.

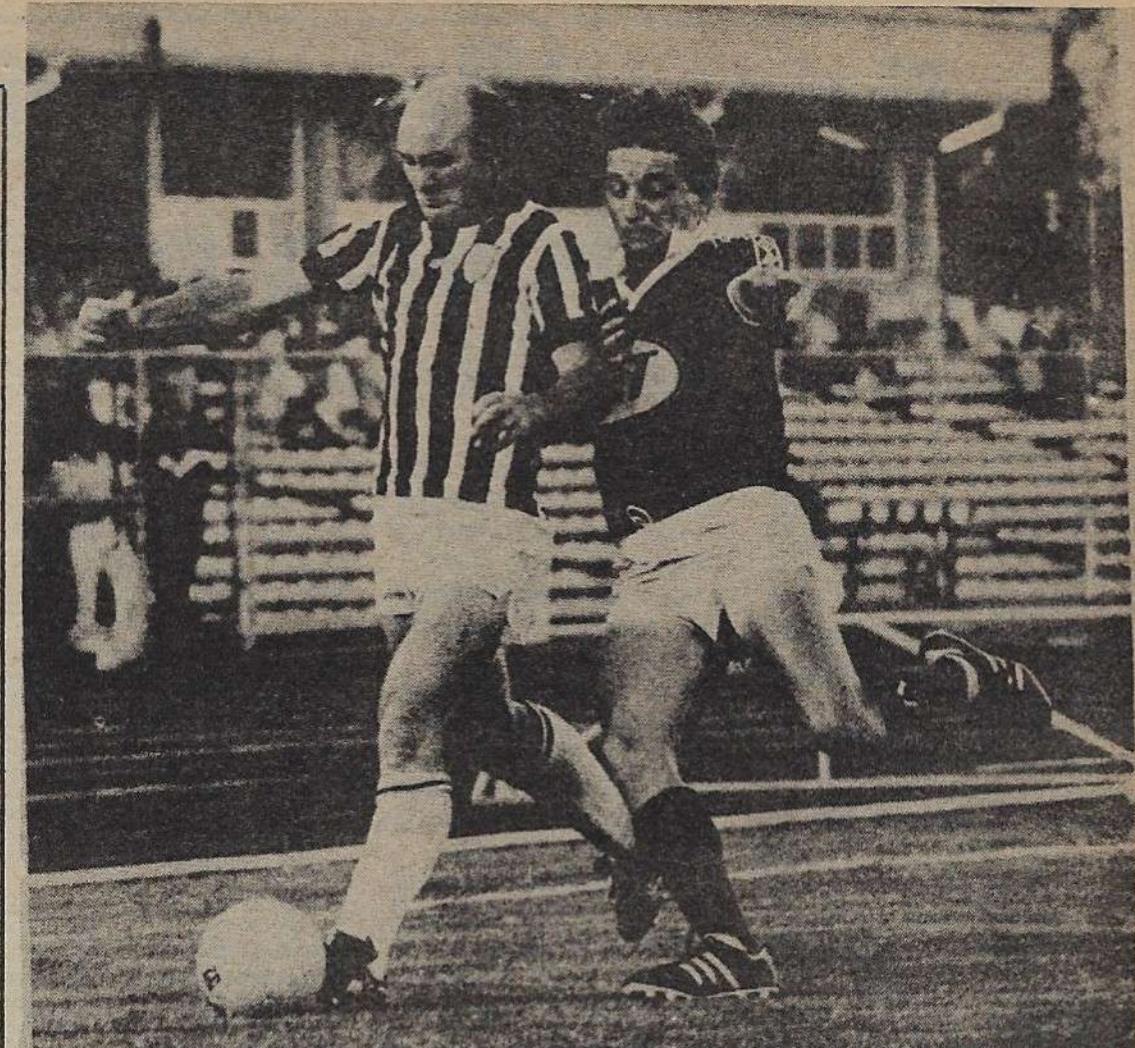
"How can you expect 15,000 at the Ampol Cup final when our star players are in New Zealand?" he asked.

But on the brighter side, Rasic said there was no need to import any more players.

"I am delighted what's happened to our State League club," he said. "My assistants Jack Reilly and Jim Armstrong are two super pros. All we need now is professional administration.

"I'm not happy because I walk into the office and I need a guy who knows what's going on. But there is no one there. I must have a secretary who can chase the contracts. I have been doing it for six months. This shouldn't happen."

"We also need a public relations man to promote our club. But we don't have one. We must have strength at all levels to succeed."



Vince Bannon (left) of Juventus and Footscray's Graham Tutil in an Ampol Cup scene. — Photo by John Punshon.

## Villiers' Volleys

National Soccer League officials are excited about Footscray's determination to improve their new Footscray Road ground.

They inspected the home of the Eagles last week and were pleased with the two new training grounds — senior and junior — installed in recent weeks. More than 2000 truck loads of soil have been dumped on an area adjacent to the main ground for training purposes.

At a special meeting, 94 from 110 paid-up members, made donations totalling \$32,000 for the construction of new club rooms.

The special building committee, headed by club secretary, Ivan Senisin, will devote all the

money to the construction of new club rooms at Schintler Reserve.

"The money will not be used for any other purpose but the building of these rooms," said Senisin who is sick and tired of all the club's promises in the past.

"We want to make a show piece at New Footscray Road," he said. "We want to build something of which Footscray can feel proud."

Northcote City are team building under new manager-coach Tony Vrzina, and he knows if he's to save the club from the humiliation it suffered last year in finishing second last in the State League, he has to inject some professionals into the side.

This he has done. Next week two Irishmen will arrive to give the club the boost it lacked last season.

The pair are midfielder Mark Wilson, 21, who has played two games for the Northern Ireland Under 21 side, and Geoff Gorman, a very experienced defender who comes from Crusaders.

The two players have been found for the club by Northcote's former star, Dave Nixon, who returned to Ireland at the end of last season. Northcote wanted him back but his wife preferred to stay in Ireland.

Dixon finished third in voting for last year's Rothmans Gold Medal. If Wilson and Gorman are half as good as Nixon, Northcote should have no worries about staying in the league this year.

Don Sutherland, Bulleen Veneto's successful midfield-striker, has re-signed with the Provisional League first division club.

He joined them late in the season last year and helped the club to promotion. But it wasn't until the last match against Mordialloc, which they had to win, that they knew of their promotion success.

Sutherland, the 19-year-old son of Don, senior, a former Sandringham City player and chairman of the Metropolitan League, learnt all his soccer in England.

He was taken by his family to the UK from Melbourne at the age of four where he became a Public Schools' soccer representative. Bulleen snapped him up when he arrived back here.

However, like most enterprising players, he had itchy feet at the end of last season and had a few training spells with Northcote and Box Hill before eventually deciding he couldn't leave his mates at the Veneto club.

Some of Victoria's best players work for the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria.

South Melbourne and Australian star Steve Blair works for the Queens Street, Melbourne, head office while Bobby McGuiness, of Morwell Falcons, works for the Doncaster branch and South's George Campbell is employed at the Exhibition Street, Melbourne, office.

John McFarlane, Doveton's vice president, said this week their star player John Dowie was "not for sale at any cost."

Many clubs, including some of Melbourne's NSL teams, have been chasing the talented ex-Fulham and Celtic forward.

Striker Ian Stirton, the former Glasgow Rangers apprentice, played well for the Doves when they beat Box Hill 2-0 last week. Right winger Colin Bartlett, 18, showed good ball control while goalie, Sean Keogh (ex-Croydon City) is running into good form and had an excellent game against the Hillmen.

But according to McFarlane, the best player they have in the club is central defender Peter Furlow, 26, who has come through the junior ranks. Paul Corke, formerly of Box Hill, is also showing class.

# Victoria set for Kiwis

By Fred Villiers

Sunday's big double header — Ampol Cup final and international grudge match between the Socceroos and New Zealand at Melbourne's new-look Olympic Park — will remind us all of the good old days when players performed in front of packed terraces.

The promotion was conceived by Victoria's soccer boss, Mike Weinstein, and the new ASF commercial director, Peter Sheean.

The two men met in Melbourne last week and agreed if the game was to progress then new marketing ideas had to be tried out.

As well as the double header, there is a bonus. The international will be televised live by the Channel 7 network.

The proposition was put to the ASF and VSF and both gave their blessing. Soccer supporters have acclaimed the new venture with great enthusiasm.

The question one has to ask is when it comes to staging the right thing with co-operation, the Victorians always lead the way but unfortunately the state which claims to be the premier soccer state cannot always put its act together.

While the Ampol Cup is being played in Melbourne with big success with State League and NSL clubs co-operating and drawing big crowds through the gates, we read reports from Sydney which are depressing.

We hear of constant squabbles among NSL and state league clubs which must in the long run only damage the image of our great game.

The ASF and its president, Sir Arthur George, should put the NSW house in order. If they want West Nally's sponsorship to continue, these petty squabbles should stop once and for all.

It would be a backward step if the sponsorship was withdrawn because of the attitude of some irresponsible officials, coaches, and players in Sydney or in any other city for that matter.

Peter Sheean, who seems to have kicked off on the right foot, will only succeed if all states, clubs, officials, players and coaches co-operate with him.

This sponsorship, and the backing of the Channel 7 network, is soccer's last chance.

Let's make the best of it.

## Wormley: A name you'll remember

Take note of the name Paul Wormley. He could be the latest striking star of the National Soccer League.

Signed by West Adelaide from the Townsville Club, the big 21-year-old front runner has shown tremendous form in Ampol Cup and trial matches.

He was first spotted by coach Alan Vest as an 18-year-old with Barnsley in England.

He starred for them in the 1980-81 season and then moved on to Huddersfield.

Moving to Australia, Wormley joined Tasmanian club Launceston Juventus and scored 19 goals in half a season.

Last year he top-scored for Queensland State League champions Townsville Kern United, collecting 13 goals in 18 matches.

### Natural

Wormley is still getting to

know his new team-mates, but it is obvious he knows the road to goal.

"Paul is a natural and I think he will form a goal-scoring partnership with Wally Bojczuk," said Vest, referring to his other striking signing, who topscored in the SA State league with Azzurri last season.

"Both know what scoring is all about, but at the same time they are willing and able to lay off the ball."

While Vest appears to have settled on Wormley and Bojczuk as his main strike force, he is having problems with winger Graham Heys.

The devastating runs and crosses which marked his play last season have been hampered by a recurring back injury which struck towards the end of

the 1982 season.

Vest may yet have to convert Graham Honeyman, last year's main striker, to a winger, or return him to midfield and convert Steve Atsalas.

The youngster who did so well from the middle of the park last year, had a run on the left on the Ampol Cup opening night, and showed he has the makings of a winger.

While matches have been won without wingers, Bojczuk was bought for the specific reason that his style is tailor-made for meeting cross balls — high or low.

And Wormley has also shown he can outfox defenders in challenges for cross balls.

Heys had to start from the bench last week in the Ampol Cup, and is still receiving treatment for his injury.

"It's a problem, but one we hope to resolve before the start of the NSL," said Vest.

# Granville: Glorious past, tough present

By David Jack

**At a time when Sir Arthur George, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, is calling for a complete ban on imported players, Granville Soccer club will surely applaud the move.**

Granville, which changed its name to Parramatta City Granville a few years ago, won the NSW State Cup (1951) and State Premiership a year later — achieving those major successes almost entirely with home-grown players.

Every player in the team — bar one, a Scottish import Bob McLellan — was born in the actual district.

Those were the great days of Granville, the oldest soccer club in Australia, which celebrated its first 100 years last October.

The centenary celebrations will continue until next October, yet, to be honest, this fine old club cannot make much merriment in the 1980s.

Granville today is a team languishing in the Second division of the State League, able to attract only minimal support, and with no great prospects of bouncing back to the big time.

But at least Granville has its memories.

The Sydney suburb took the name Granville in the year Ned Kelly was captured at Glenrowan and hanged — and a couple of years later Granville Soccer club was born.

Talk to Granville officials and they tend to dwell on past history.

Publicity director Ron Simmonds, a stalwart of the club for many years, told me:

"Our club fielded soccer teams four years before the Apache Indian Geronimo agreed to surrender to the US Army and six years before Jack the Ripper carved up the ladies of the night in London's East End!"

Since then, Granville has had many glorious years. It was almost a "must" for Granville to challenge all teams touring here from overseas and many of the foreigners suffered defeat at the hands of the locals.

While the club fondly regards the 1920s and the early 1950s as its vintage years, it is a fact that Granville became something of a pace-setter as recently as the 1970s.

## In vogue

At that time, a floodlighting system was erected at the centrally-located, compact, Garside Park ground and a licensed club was built adjoining the ground.

Garside Park became a much sought-after venue by all teams eager to hire it to play rearranged games at night.

Unfortunately, Granville could not stay abreast with the achievements of rivals like Sydney City, St George, Marconi and the rest of the NSW giants.

Those clubs were able to pay handsome money to

star players while Granville, and similar clubs, dropped out of the race.

So what does the future hold — in 1983 and long-term?

This is what Ron Simmonds has to say about that:

"In 1983, the team should at least be able to do as well as last year."

"For the first time, we have a full-time soccer secretary, Howard Smith. We also have a coach, Percy Biglands, who is not only Granville's longest-serving player but also a man who has shown he can get results."

"Despite the recession, plans have been drawn up

to extend the social club. "Perhaps, even more important, we now have a much closer association with the District Junior body."

"The Junior Association will be able to use Garside Park and it is reasonable to anticipate our State League side will again start to gain benefits from a flow of young talent from the District."

"Cash is always a problem. In the good old days, Granville's players used to play for the love of soccer and share whatever was in the kitty at the end of the season."

"Today, players are overpaid. Soccer is going

like Rugby League, a code now flying financial distress signals. The future for soccer is tied up with strict control over player payments."

Ron Simmonds realises he may have to wait a long time before he will again see Garside Park packed to its 6,000 capacity, "when I had to stand on rocks outside the fence to get a glimpse of the action."

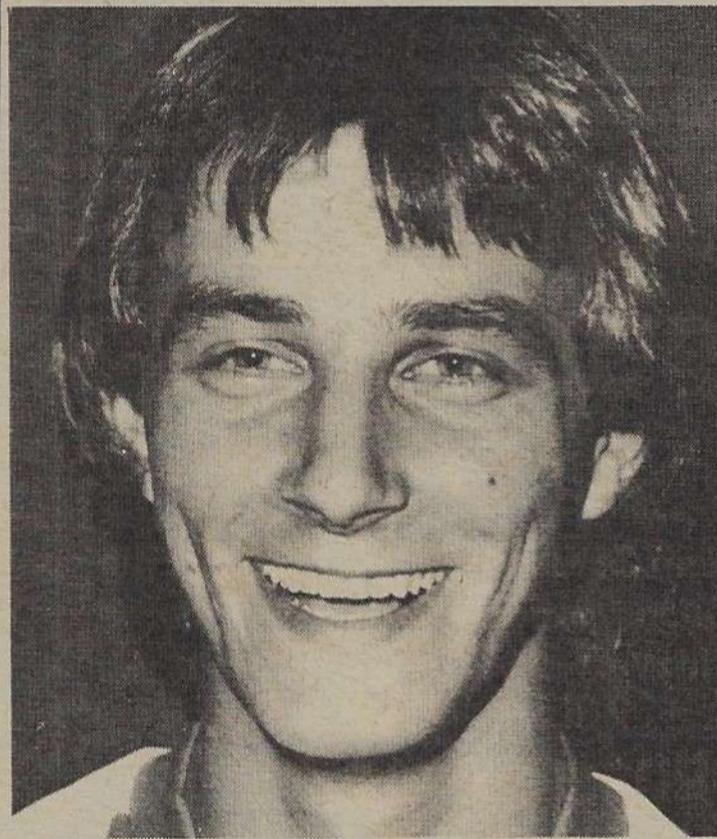
But he finished on an optimistic note: "Granville has been here for 100 years. We won't pack up now. We aim to be in the soccer business for another 100 years."



Percy Biglands

## GLOOM LIFTS FOR KB

By Myles Hay



Joe Senkalski

brought down Lowe but Mountford missed the opportunity of adding the fourth goal.

Newcastle introduced two promising young players, Andy Stankovic and Michael Boogaard in defence while Brett Cowburn substituted for the injured Howard Tredinnick.

Interested spectator at the game was long serving defender Roy Drinkwater now returned from a trip to England.

There is a chance Drinkwater may come out of his intended retirement to help the stricken KB United.

Yet another spotkick was awarded when Bertogna

Result Newcastle KB United 3 (Mountford 3) beat Leichhardt 1 (Giampaolo).



"I'm not going out with that footballer again, mum. He keeps making passes"

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# B'town again hope for better things

Good things are also expected from Greg King the 19-year-old striker who was sponsored over to England for a five month stay with Birmingham City.

The experience he acquired whilst in England will stand him in good stead for many seasons to come.

Two more exciting signings are 17-year-olds Darren Luckman, a right full-back and Garry Hatton a midfielder.

Both these players have come up through the Bankstown Association Junior ranks and are both fully prepared to break into the first team this season having played second grade last year.

Twenty year old Robbie Campanella, a small, fast little fellow, has been recovering from a cartilage operation and will be raring to go this year.

The club can only go one way from here and that is up.

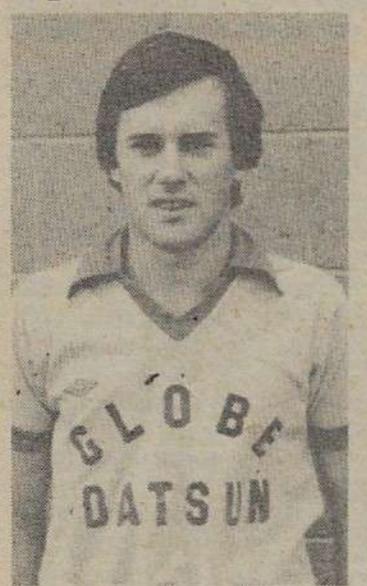
Their goalkeeper is Steve Giffin a promising 19-year-old lad who will be having his first full year in First Grade this year having had an excellent match in the relegation play-off.

Most experienced men in the Bankstown line-up are Bourke, sweeper Chris Rootsey and Phil Dalton from Blacktown City.

## Drain off

During the off-season, Bankstown lost Ian Drain who has gone back to Wollongong. Drain found the constant driving up from Wollongong just too much and had difficulty in getting time off from work.

Another loss has been Paul Jones, also from Wollongong who also experienced the same difficulty in coming to Sydney every week for training. He too has elected to stay in Wollongong this year.



Alan Bourke

Last season for one reason or another, Bankstown found themselves languishing at the bottom of the table with the unenviable statistics of having played 26 matches for only four wins and having scored 30 goals whilst their net was hit on no fewer than 55 occasions giving them a negative goal-difference of 25 for 1982.

The ball is now in their court, the challenge is there, now it's up to the young kids to show us just what they can do.



Phil Dalton

Bankstown Soccer Club have not bought any new players in the summer months, but have instead signed up many new young prospects.

From Yugal, Bankstown signed up on a free clearance, stopper, Roy Agostino.

Agostino is a 20-year-old and is an ex-St George player.

Steve Blackburn



# Italian derby for Adelaide

It's Italian showdown time tomorrow night at Hindmarsh Stadium when Adelaide City and Azzurri meet to decide the leaders of Group B.

They are two of the Italian backed clubs in the group with Campbelltown, who beat Beogard 1-0 last week, the other.

West Adelaide defeated Polonia 2-1 in last week's other match to top Group A.

City and Azzurri are joint leaders of Group B.

While the Croatia-Para Hills game is also important tomorrow night, the City-Azzurri clash has the atmosphere of a final, for not only are the clubs ethnic rivals, but with City in the National Soccer League its one of those "them versus us" situations.

The results in the earlier rounds have set the match up as a goal feast — City beat Beograd 4-0 and Azzurri sunk Campbelltown 4-0.

The top two in each group go into the semi-finals, and after last week's games the tables read:

## GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West	2	1	0	3	2	3	
Para	1	0	1	1	1	1	
Croatia	1	0	1	0	0	1	
Polonia	2	0	1	1	2	1	

## GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	1	1	0	4	0	2	
Adel. C	1	1	0	4	0	2	
Camp.	1	0	1	1	4	2	
Beogard	2	0	2	0	5	0	

There is still a chance that Campbelltown can qualify for the "semis" so there will be no holding back by City or Azzurri tomorrow night, for that matter by Para Hills and Croatia following the win by West.

On paper City should win with their NSL experience, although coach Bobby Ferguson is relying on young newcomer Steve Maxwell carrying a load up front as Les Carter's partner.

And he has Youth Soccer Joe Mullen to make his City debut following an ankle injury which has kept him out since being transferred from Para.

However, with the experience of Glenn Dods in-

midfield, alongside Sergio Melita, and possibly Brian Northcote (if he is declared fit) the front runners have plenty of support.

But the Azzurri midfield also looks powerful with John Francis in devastating form, and Andy Toland and Mike Donnelly work until the final whistle.

Para shattered West with a 1-1 draw on opening night, while Croatia held Polonia 0-0 in their game.

On paper it could be another draw tomorrow night with Para front runners Jimmy Mitchell, Chris Key and Richard Preston equal to Paul Blute, Steve Caggiano and Albert Reicher.

West got their act together against Polonia, and while they could only grab a 2-1 victory, did enough to show that the seeding plan should work out, with West in the semi-finals against the other NSL club Adelaide City.

West coach Alan Vest must be pleased with his new striking combine of Paul Wormley and Wally Bojczuk.

It was Bojczuk who put West in front after one minute 45 seconds when he nodded in a right wing cross from Wormley.

Indeed, but for Howie Jacques in the Polonia goal, it could have been 4-1 for West.

As it was the NSL club had to fight when Zelko Blagojevic headed home a Jan Kierno pass in the thirteenth-second minute.

Kierno was a midfield powerhouse for Polonia, but even he couldn't stop the winner coming in the fiftieth minute when West centre back Robbie Dunn rose to meet a Graham Heys right wing corner and nod the ball in off a post.

Vest, while satisfied with the win, said he was still working on his line-up for the start of the NSL.

He has Steve Atsalas and David Doorne out with injuries, and played Graham Heys for only half a game against Polonia.

The winger came on for young John Panagis for the start of the second half, and is still suspect with a recurring back injury.

**Campbelltown's win was a triumph for new coach Eric Norman, with only one training ses-**

By Tom McKain

## sion behind him.

However, by switching players back into their normal positions after the 4-0 opening round thrashing from Azzurri, and bringing David Mahony into the attack, he produced a new-look team.

The players charged at Beograd, much in the same way Norman did when he starred for Juventus (now Adelaide City) and the SA State team.

He has now thrown Group B wide open and added spice to the City-Azzurri match as neither will risk treating their Italian cousins as pushovers.

Apart from Mahony, Campbelltown and match-winners in Nino Matricciani, Mark Halliday and Nick Webb.

It was the latter who eventually got the ball in the net in the sixty-sixth minute.

Although playing midfield, he repeatedly got into the penalty box and three other shots went close.

Gordon Haig, back in his midfield position, was another Campbelltown star, and David Edwards must be a candidate for the NSL.

But for Tim Atkins in goal Beograd would have been in on a hiding.

As it is, their Ampol Cup run appears over.

While coach Zoran Matic has a lot of good players, they have yet to blend, and there is no killer punch up front.

## Campbelltown v Beograd 1-0 (0-0).

**CAMPBELLTOWN:** Pivetta, Richards, Halliday, Parsons (Miller h-t), Barandregt, Matiscak, Haig, Edwards, Webb, Mahony, Matricciani.

**BEograd:** Atkins, Barisic, Kalinovic, Mrkela, Santrac, Krizman, Welsh, Arezina (Urukalo 50min) Signore, Leane (Evans 69min).

**GOALS:** Webb (66min.) **REFEREE:** N. Rossetto.

## West Adelaide v Polonia 2-1 (1-1).

**WEST:** Boetel, Amey, McGachey, Dunn, McGregor, Blair, Brennan, Honeyman, Panagis (Heys h-t) Wormley, Bojczuk.

**POLONIA:** Jacques, Di Bartolo, P. Kosmina, Stanczak, Kolecki, Blagojevic, Dooley, Kierno, Durant (Karpinski h-t) M. Kosmina, Koza.

**GOALS:** Bojczuk (1 min) Blagojevic (32 min) Dunn (50 min). **REFEREE:** G. Neal. **CROWD:** 1,527.

# Victoria



Victoria on the attack in last weekend's interstate match in Brisbane. PHOTO BY CARLOS A. PICASSO.

## VICTORIA'S BUFFALO STATE LEAGUE DRAW

Saturday, March 19: Sth Melbourne v Northcote. Sunday, March 20: Geo. Cross v Juventus. Croydon v Morwell. Doveton v Ringwood. Maribryong v Green Gully. Melbourne Croatia v Albion Rovers. Fawkner v Box Hill.

Saturday, March 26: Albion v Geo. Cross. Sunday, March 27: Green Gully v Croatia. Ringwood v Maribryong. Northcote v Doveton. Box Hill v Sth Melbourne. Morwell v Fawkner. Juventus v Croydon.

Saturday, April 2: Sth Melbourne v Morwell. Sunday, April 3: Croydon v Geo. Cross. Fawkner v Juventus. Maribryong v Northcote. Croatia v Ringwood. Green Gully v Albion. Doveton v Box Hill.

Saturday, April 9: Morwell v Doveton. Albion v Croydon. Sunday, April 10: Ringwood v Green Gully. Northcote v Croatia. Juventus v Sth Melbourne. Geo. Cross v Fawkner. Box Hill v Maribryong.

Saturday, April 16: Sth Melbourne v Geo. Cross. Sunday, April 17: Fawkner v Croydon. Doveton v Juventus. Maribryong v Morwell. Gully v Northcote. Ringwood v Albion. Croatia v Box Hill.

Saturday, April 23: Albion v Fawkner. Sunday, April 24: Morwell v Croatia. Juventus v Maribryong. Geo. Cross v Doveton. Croydon v Sth Melbourne. Box Hill v Gully. Northcote v Ringwood.

Saturday, April 30: Sth Melbourne v Fawkner. Sunday, May 1: Doveton v Croydon. Maribryong v Geo. Cross. Croatia v Juventus. Gully v Morwell. Northcote v Albion. Ringwood v Box Hill.

Saturday, May 7: Albion v Sth Melbourne. Morwell v Ringwood.

Sunday, May 8: Juventus v Gully. Geo. Cross v Croatia. Croydon v Maribryong. Fawkner v Doveton. Box Hill v Northcote.

Sunday, May 15: Doveton v Sth Melbourne. Maribryong v Fawkner. Croatia v Croydon. Gully v Geo. Cross. Ringwood v Juventus. Northcote v Morwell. Box Hill v Albion.

Saturday, May 21: Albion v Doveton. Sth Melbourne v Maribryong. Morwell v Box Hill.

Sunday, May 22: Juventus v Northcote. Geo. Cross v Ringwood. Croydon v Gully. Fawkner v Croatia.

Saturday, May 28: Morwell v Albion. Sunday, May 29: Maribryong v Doveton. Croatia v Sth Melbourne. Gully v Fawkner. Ringwood v Croydon. Northcote v Geo. Cross. Box Hill v Juventus.

Saturday, June 4: Albion v Maribryong. Sth Melbourne v Gully.

Sunday, June 5: Juventus v Morwell. Croydon v Northcote. Fawkner v Ringwood. Doveton v Croatia. George Cross v Box Hill.

Sunday, June 12: Reserved for international match.

Saturday, June 18: Albion v Juventus.

Sunday, June 19: Croatia v Maribryong. Gully v Doveton. Ringwood v Sth Melbourne. Northcote v Fawkner. Morwell v Geo. Cross. Box Hill v Croydon.

Sunday, June 26: Reserved for international match.

Saturday, July 2: Albion v Croatia. Morwell v Croydon.

Sunday, July 3: Juventus v George Cross. Northcote v Sth Melbourne. Ringwood v Doveton. Gully v Maribryong. Box Hill v Fawkner.

Saturday, July 9: Sth Melbourne v Box Hill.

Sunday, July 10: Croatia v Gully. Maribryong v Ringwood. Doveton v Northcote. Fawkner v Morwell. Geo. Cross v Albion. Croydon v Juventus.

Saturday, July 16: Albion v Gully. Morwell v Sth Melbourne.

Sunday, July 17: Geo. Cross v Croydon. Juventus v Fawkner. Northcote v Maribryong. Ringwood v Croatia. Box Hill v Doveton.

Saturday, July 23: Sth Melbourne v Juventus.

Sunday, July 24: Gully v Ringwood. Croatia v Northcote. Doveton v Morwell. Croydon v Albion. Fawkner v Geo. Cross. Maribryong v Box Hill.

Saturday, July 30: Albion v Ringwood.

Sunday, July 31: Croydon v Fawkner. Geo. Cross v South Melbourne. Juventus v Doveton. Morwell v Maribryong. Northcote v Gully. Box Hill v Croatia.

Saturday, August 6: Sth Melbourne v Croydon.

Sunday, August 7: Ringwood v Northcote. Croatia v Morwell. Fawkner v Albion. Maribryong v Juventus. Doveton v Geo. Cross. Gully v Box Hill.

Saturday, August 13: Albion v Northcote. Morwell v Gully.

Sunday, August 13: Fawkner v Sth Melbourne. Croydon v Doveton. Geo. Cross v Maribryong. Juventus v Croatia. Box Hill v Ringwood.

Saturday, August 20: Sth Melbourne v Albion.

Sunday, August 21: Ringwood v Morwell. Gully v Juventus. Croatia v Geo. Cross. Maribryong v Croydon. Doveton v Fawkner. Northcote v Box Hill.

Saturday, August 27: Sth Melbourne v Doveton. Morwell v Northcote. Albion v Box Hill.

Sunday, August 28: Fawkner v Maribryong. Croydon v Croatia. Geo. Cross v Gully. Juventus v Ringwood.

Sunday, September 4: Doveton v Albion. Northcote v Juventus. Ringwood v Geo. Cross. Gully v Croydon. Croatia v Fawkner. Maribryong v Sth Melbourne. Box Hill v Morwell.

Saturday, September 10: Albion v Morwell. Sth Melbourne v Croatia.

Sunday, September 11: Doveton v Maribryong. Fawkner v Gully. Croydon v Ringwood. Geo. Cross v Northcote. Juventus v Box Hill.

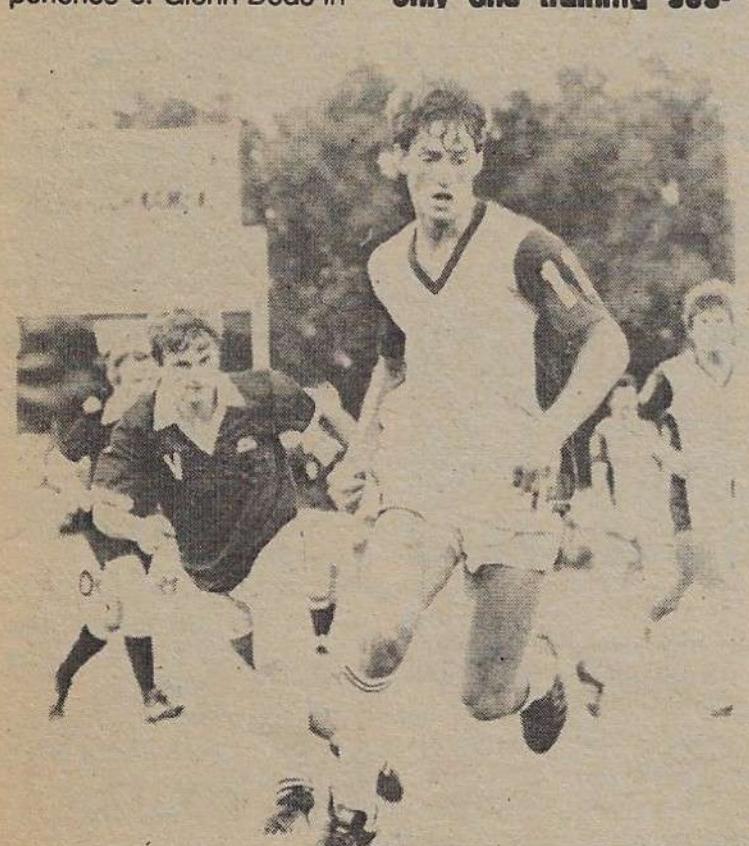
Sunday, September 18: Maribryong v Albion. Morwell v Juventus. Northcote v Croydon. Ringwood v Fawkner. Gully v Sth Melbourne. Croatia v Doveton. Box Hill v Geo. Cross.

Saturday, September 24: Sth Melbourne v Ringwood.

Sunday, September 25: Maribryong v Croatia. Doveton v Gully. Fawkner v Northcote. Geo. Cross v Morwell. Juventus v Albion. Croydon v Box Hill.



Queensland, outclassed last Sunday



Queensland striker Danny Wright in action against Victoria. PHOTO BY CARLOS A. PICASSO.

## CHULLORA'S KIDS



Chullora Under-12/1A team, back, from left: Danny Wright, Hayden Sanson (vice captain), Stuart Coutts (captain), Jason Kannengiesser, Michael Bely, Bruce Elysee. Middle: Robert Wozniak (coach), David McGlynn, Terry Kariamis, Peter Skalkos, Anthony Hyde, Denis Hyde (assit. manager), Denis Wright (manager). Front row (l to r): Grant Bard, Harry Wozniak, Keiran Pender. Absent: Chris Bard (asst. manager).



Chullora Under-8/1 team, back, from left: N. Holder (manager), C. Thomas (trainer), P. Stratton, F. Hayek, J. Hayward, M. Glynatis, A. Pittas, M. Pittas (coach), T. Haymes (coach). Middle: D. Sharman, D. Pike, B. Broughton, C. Holder. Front: D. Haymes, G. Davis, G. Thomas.



Chullora Under-9/2, back, from left: Lorraine Kozlowski (manager), Michael Stoddart, Andrew Campbell, James Kozlowski, Peter Bely, Kane Teague, Wayne Heiler, Henry Kozlowski (coach). Middle: Michael Kariamis, Dirk Green, Rodney Thompson. Bottom: Fady Elchab, Adam Ceisman, Mathew Collier. Absent — Adam Gill.

## PITTWATER SIX-A-SIDE

From Syd Russell

The big Pittwater RSL six-a-side tournament gets under way at Kitchener Park Mona Vale on Sunday March 6 at 8am.

It will be the third annual tournament for registered amateur players and is fully sanctioned by Manly-Warringah SFA and the Amateur Federation.

For the past two years the tournament has been extremely successful both as a fund raiser and more importantly as one where amateur soccer skills are to the fore.

The competition comprises of 48 teams from all over the metropolitan area. Teams have come from Liverpool, Sutherland, Western Suburbs, Manly-Warringah, Bankstown and elsewhere.

Although the competition does not run over many weeks, the players have to train in a six-a-side environment for many weeks to be competent.

As a one-day event it is quite spectacular to watch and take part in.

The game is played to the normal rules of soccer with the exception of the offside law.

There are three first rounds, a repechage, two second rounds then semi-finals and finals.

At the lunch break a 100-metre sprint is open to players running in full soccer strip.

The winning team receives a cash prize for the club and a trophy, runner up a cash prize, and cash prizes to the two losing finalists.

The games are controlled by members of the Manly-Warringah Soccer-Referees Association, who donate their time free of charge although our club send them a donation for their services. There is plenty of food and drink available.

This article will let A.S.W. readers know that there are six-a-side soccer competitions running and not being just thought about. available.

Indeed so successful was their policy that Polonia could field a championship State XI from their own ranks.

The other clubs too were discovering talent so that names such as David Mitchell, George Koulianios, Tom Forde, John Kosmina, Charlie Villani, etc — to mention but a few of many — are now well-known in the PSL.

The apparent paradox is that many of the co-called district sides would have defeated those nursery teams and possibly this would still be true today.

But there is no paradox really.

On one hand, we have teams imbued with winning trophies or even in escaping ejection.

One coach once mentioned to me he had over 140 boys from whom to select an XI and, although those days are well past, I always wondered what happened to those boys who could not play at the time.

And let it be said some of these district clubs were well-organised with well-organised competitions and well-meaning coaches and parents.

But sadly few players of talent, considering the numbers, emerged, as presumably the structure of the various competitions was against meaningful coaching except by the more gifted individuals for outstanding players.

Now, on the other hand, the nursery teams were operating in a more loosely-organised competition and with the unwritten accent being upon developing skills and talent rather than attaching too much importance to the winning of trophies.

Youngsters in such teams often had the best players in SA to demonstrate skills or even to coach them.

It was also interesting to observe that some of the better players emerged from schools with no Soccer tradition and with no organised Soccer competitions.

There are, of course, many grey areas in my comments: there were well-coached district sides, and some Federa-

KEITH GILMOUR'S

## JUNIOR SCENE



# Junior potential not yet exploited

**John Bell originally started coaching juniors in the UK with Manchester City's Mike Summerbee in his original team. Since migrating to Australia he has been active in organising and coaching juniors principally in South Australia where he helped to start soccer at junior level in the opal fields of Andamooka, the rocket town of Woomera and in some districts and schools near to Adelaide. John, who has an M. E. Degree, also holds ASF and Soccer Trainer's certificates. He is currently living in Kensington, Sydney.**

tion clubs who were disinterested in developing their own talent.

Nevertheless, the general point can be made that it is impractical to develop talent fully within the structure of an intense district competition at junior level.

Junior players must first learn and practice their skills away from a pressure situation.

How can the Ku-ring-gai district only produce two players of PSL standard in Barnes and Wheatley?

It is just yet another general malaise of our general attitude or — or should I say our misplaced priorities — towards the coaching and retention of our most precious Soccer asset — our junior players.

Indeed it is probable that the relatively smaller districts (such as Southern and Eastern) and the unknown teams who play in a less competitive and perhaps less sophisticated atmosphere are the ones from which stars of the future are likely to emerge as matters are at present.

Major innovations are now due to put junior Soccer on a realistic footing and that these should be directed by the ASF.

Such action will establish the game and should include:

1. Less emphasis on competitions up to the under 12 age-group.

2. The licensing of all junior coaches (which has already been proposed in SA).

3. Better structured competitions for all boys which will cater for 'social' and more talented players separately.

4. More five-a-side Soccer to develop basic skills.

5. More emphasis upon picking and coaching boys on future potential than upon current size.

6. The establishment of coaching clinics for boys of obvious future talent by State associations.

7. More co-operation between organisations to keep leagues going when numbers tend to drop at the age of 15 or so.

8. A concerted effort throughout all of Australia to teach people handling juniors how to manage and coach them.

Finally, I believe if Soccer is going to get off the ground in this country it must get its priorities right.

Money must not be wasted on chasing dreams or holding expensive local junior competitions whilst we still lack grounds, training facilities and even adequate training of coaches.

The costs of sending groups of boys to play elsewhere in Australia (e.g. Perth to NSW) must be prohibitive.

Would not the monies saved be put to better use, such as the purchase of new grounds and equipment for all young boys in their district? I think so.

And when we get down to thinking things through clearly and without emotion, then Australian Soccer will get its priorities right and thus automatically establish itself.

At present junior Soccer, as well as the seniors, have not established their priorities in the right order.

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# Schools cup Cavalcade

The highest honor in schools soccer in NSW is to win the coveted Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

The series, formerly known as the Tasman Cup, started out in 1962, so last year it celebrated its 21st birthday.

Many years back it became the largest schools football tournament in Australia. A total of 281 high schools competed in 1982.

Popular venues for the finals have included Englefield Stadium at Dural and Macquarie Field at Speers Point in Newcastle.

Some of the crowds at finals have exceeded 6,000 spectators.

Over the years Sydney High Schools have won through on nine occasions, Newcastle schools on eight and Wollongong four.

Twice the trophy has had to be shared.

In 1966 Strathfield South and Cleveland Street tied, as did Wallsend and Booragul in 1975.

Proud holders of the Cup are Marsden High from the West Ryde area of Sydney, who came home in a hard fought match against a very skilful Punchbowl.

Here is a list of the winners over the years. Whose name will be inscribed on the trophy this year?

**Shoulder loves country air**

One of the satisfying features of Jim Shoulder's job as coach at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra is to help improve soccer right round Australia.

Players have taken up scholarships with the Institute from places as far apart as Cairns and Perth.

Shoulder has been able to help the country by taking the Institute team to places such as Griffith NSW, where they played against the strong Yoogali club.

Recently Shoulder's contingent has included Ian Ferguson, a lad from the Northern NSW "City of Lights" — Tamworth.

It seems that 'Sunny Jim' has an affinity with country areas.

He and his family are residents of the township of Yass, situated on the Hume Highway about 35 km from Canberra.

With Jim's football expertise and academic background, the boys who go through junior and schools ranks and have the opportunity to be tutored by him in the discipline of soccer are indeed fortunate.

1962 Maroubra Bay  
1963 Macquarie  
1964 Wallsend  
1965 Keira  
1966 Strathfield South & Cleveland Street (shared)  
1967 Booragul  
1968 Newcastle Tech  
1969 Booragul  
1970 Berkeley  
1971 Meadowbank  
1972 Newcastle Tech  
1973 Newcastle Tech  
1974 Wallsend  
1975 Wallsend & Booragul (shared)  
1976 Bankstown

1977 Canterbury  
1978 Normanhurst  
1979 Normanhurst  
1980 Woonona  
1981 Keira  
1982 Marsden

Marsden's squad was: Andrew Jones, John Onions, Mark Perry, Greg Station, Craig Williams, Peter Bonic, Dean Mutton, Brian Dene (captain), Pep Cappello, Raf Marco, Scott O'Donnell, Michael Dick, Paul Glinn, Phillip Bignall, Gary Webster.

Coach: Warren Midleton.

## Life Members

Frank Broughton and Keith Gilmour were appointed life members of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation at its recent annual meeting.

Frank had many years as an executive member of the Canterbury Association, filling the post of secretary for many years.

He served as a delegate to Sydney Branch and later became both Sydney Branch and State Registrar, a very demanding task.

He has had many appointments as manager of NSW junior teams.

Keith Gilmour originally came from Concord and was foundation secretary

of the junior club and a delegate to the former West Sydney Association.

He was foundation secretary of Gladesville-Hornsby Association and later secretary and president of the NSW Amateurs (then the NSW Junior SFA).

He is a life member of Gladesville and the Gladesville Referees Association and of the former NSW Metropolitan Soccer League, and played at modest level for various clubs in five associations in Sydney.

## KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE



Castle Hill soccer club — NSW Under 16 Champion of Champions.

### Payne moves in with Central Coast

Experienced Angus Payne, formerly coach with East Gosford and with plenty of regional and school background, has joined Pat McNally in the Central Coast School of Soccer.

His arrival coincides with the departure of well-credentialled Bruce Stowell to Queensland.

There are some additional local changes as Bill Vrolyks has taken over in charge of the Central Coast Northern NSW First Division club.

Bill was formerly well known on the Sydney scene and was a very capable State League player earlier in his career.

He had three years as coach of Umina Soccer Club.

Bill Northam is now chairman of the club.

McNally has recently been to Albury to conduct a weekend of coaching, covering juniors on Saturday and seniors on Sunday.

He reckons there is some fine young talent on the Central Coast, and will be delighted when some local products make their way into the senior club.

Pat McNally has had the type of soccer upbringing most boys dream about. Starting with his school side, in England, Pat soon captained the area, and then on to country sides, winning numerous honours.

Then came the trial matches with clubs such as Chelsea, QPR, Spurs, finally settling for Southampton.

One of the highlights was his trip to Wembley Stadium, to be ball boy at the European Cup match between Manchester United and Benfica in 1968.

Pat says, "being so close to players such as Bobby Charlton and George Best, you can never forget the thrill".

From Southampton, Pat moved to Aldershot again in the English Football League where he played and coached before emigrating to Australia. He has since played in Western Australia and Sydney, before coming up to the Coast.

It is an upbringing like this that has made Pat want to help boys on the Central Coast in their efforts to become top soccer players.

## JUNIOR GIRLS

By Don Balmain

Three years ago, Trixie Tagg, a well known coach in women's soccer, decided that not enough was being done for the juniors in the soccer community ...

Mrs Tagg felt that too much emphasis was being placed on the filling of the State senior teams and that unless more care was given, senior girls would be burnt out eventually with nobody to replace them.

With this theory in mind, she arranged an Under-14 competition between the NSW and Qld girls.

Officials from both states accepted the scheme very readily and the first interstate junior competition was held in Brisbane.

As those under 14s became too old for the competition, natural progression took place and the very commendable under-15 Australian Championship evolved.

A three-way contest was formed when the Northern NSW girls became interested and formed a team.

With so many potentially brilliant young players making their mark in senior grade football, this nursery was ideal for bringing players along slowly without thrusting them all of a sudden into the hustle of senior football.

The latest State to be interested in the scheme is Victoria who entered a team for the first time in September when the titles, which were won by Nth.NSW, were held in Victoria.

The interest in juniors is such in Tasmania that they have indicated that they will be entering a team in 1984.

But admirable as this scheme is, there is a considerable gap between a champion under-15 player and entry into the senior State team.

It can be argued that the senior teams becoming younger each year. Indeed, statistics indicate this and some say that girls are being thrust into the extremely strenuous atmosphere of senior competition too early.

Mrs Leonie Parker, the 1982 coach of the NSW under-15 side, is one who firmly agrees with this theory.

She says that there should be a gradual lead-up to the senior team through the creation of an under-17 competition.

Mrs Parker said that it was now a case of girls moving up in age groups and being able to play good constructive soccer — sometimes brilliant soccer — with girls of their own age who had superior ability.

Although there were some States which would not be able to include this natural progression with their girls, quite a number of them showed interest in the idea and such a competition could come into being this season.

This matter was raised at the recent delegates conference held in Sydney.

### GIVE YOUR TEAM A BOOST!

Action shots, last year's teams with player names — a letter about your club and its players — which PSL or State League players do they most admire?

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### Good Apples from Orange



The Under-12, from left: Craig White, Andrew Wright, Craig Jones, Phillip Horan, Scott Jones, Kelton Whalan, Jason Sinclair, Ross Jones (manager), Trevor White (coach), Ian Carpenter, Les Alford, Simon Rohloff, Michael Harvey, Craig Hurst, David Burrell, Andrew Stedman.

It may sound incongruous, but the Orange under-12 representative team is known as the "Apple City Saints".

Simply because the NSW City of Orange is famous for its apple production.

The Saints have been Western Division Premiers

every year since the team was formed in 1979.

The team has only been beaten once, in the second game they ever played and was NSW and Country Premiers in 1979.

In 1980 they were runners up in country titles, being undefeated but los-

ing the medal on a count-back.

In 1981 they were country champions.

In 1982 eight of the team were selected in all conquering under-12 Western Area side which won both New South Wales and Country Championships.

## NSW Amateur Soccer Federation 1983 Calendar

From Sunday, February 6 — Round 1 Mini-Ampol Cup then every Sunday till semi-finals.

Mini-Ampol Cup Final — played with Ampol Cup Final.

April 10 — Under-12 Centenary Cup entries close (expected date).

April 18 — Amateur, Robertson, U/18, U/16, U/14 Cups entries close.

May 1 — Round 1 Cups competition

May 15 — Round 2 Cups competition

May 29 — Round 3 Cups competition

June 12 — Round 4 Cups competition

June 26 — Round 5 Cups competition

July 10 — Round 6 Cups competition

July 17 — Round 7 Cups competition

May 8 — Under 12 Centenary Cup commences

May 15 — Under 12 Centenary Cup finals

August 28 — Under 15 National Championship start

September 4 — Under 15 National Championship final rounds

September 4 — Under 15 Australia v's New Zealand International

August 28 — Round 1 and 2 State Championships ) U/10

August 29 — Round 3 and 4 State Championships ) U/11

August 30 — Round 5 State Championships ) U/12, U/13, U/14

U/13 National Championships — Alice Springs 29/9 to 1/10

U/14 National Championships — Brisbane, approx. same date

September 9 — State Championships U/15, U/16

September 10 — State Championships U/15, U/16

September 11 — State Championships U/15, U/16

Labour Day weekend — U/18, All Age, U/21 State Championships

September 18 — Round 1 Champion of Champions in Country.



# OVERSEAS...OVERSEA

## LATIN AMERICA

### BRAZIL

Brazilian sources estimate that the 1986 World Cup finals, if held in their country, would produce a profit of some \$150 million.

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Teofilo Salinas, president of the South American Confederation, suggests an annual match between his continent and Europe. Tokyo could be the venue, with the match sponsored by an industrial giant.

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Socrates is the best paid Brazilian star — even ahead of Zico. His monthly salary is \$30,000 with Corinthians. In the 1930s the immortal Brazilian star Leonidas, received as part of his transfer deal two suits, two pairs of shoes and a few shirts . . .

### ARGENTINA

Despite widespread rumours about his imminent move to Barcelona,

Argentine supercoach Luis Cesar Menotti is likely to stay at home and take over River Plate of Buenos Aires.

### PERU

Former Peruvian ace Hugo Sotil, 32, once a Barcelona team-mate of Cruyff, is a confirmed alcoholic seeking cure for his problems in a Japanese religious sect's home in Lima.

### URUGUAY

Uruguay's Penarol — current World Club champions — will play in an Italian tournament in June together with Juventus, Flamengo (Brazil) and Real Madrid.

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Liverpool have been relegated — but not in England. Their namesake in Uruguay have gone down to division two.

### HUNGARY

Former Hungarian great Pal Titkos, possibly the country's best ever left winger, has recently celebrated his 75th birthday in Budapest.

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The Budapest club Ujpest have signed Umoh Patrick Bernard, a Nigerian striker who is studying in Hungary. In Nigeria he played for the first division club Jeetimo.

### YUGOSLAVIA

Former Yugoslav national team star Dragoslav Stepanovic who later played for the German Eintracht Frankfurt and Wormatia Worms, has settled down in Germany and has opened a pub.

### USSR

The most popular team in the USSR in 1982 was Dinamo Tbilisi, averaging 65,000 fans at their home games — against a national average of 18,000.

### GREECE

The Greek FA have ruled that not more than four foreigners can appear in their professional teams in the season 1983-1984. The clubs, referring to Greece's membership in the Common Market, wanted to sign as many as they liked.

### JAPAN

The Japanese national team has just spent three weeks in a West German training camp, under the

guidance of former star and current Youth team coach Berti Vogts.

### FRANCE

Jean-Francois Larios, St. Etienne's international midfielder — and boy friend of Platini's wife — is likely to sign for a Spanish club. Larios' parents hail from Spain.

### HONG KONG

Bobby Moore's sojourn in Hong Kong didn't last long: he has become the assistant (?) coach of the tiny American club Carolina Lightnings.

Charlie George, now 32, is about to return to London from Hong Kong and could join Chelsea.

### ITALY

Dino Zoff, almost 40, will retire sooner or later and Juventus are now searching for his successor. They have two on the shortlist: Fabio Brini, 25, from Avellino and Giovanni Galli, 23, from Fiorentina.



Roberto Bettega

It's almost certain now that Roberto Bettega will sign a two-year contract with the Canadian Club Toronto Blizzard. The other bidder, Cosmos of New York, have withdrawn their offer.

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This is how other countries interpret the word co-operation . . . The West German TV will not provide a live telecast of the Turkey v. West Germany international on April 23 from Istanbul — because all the amateur fixtures in Germany are held that day.

### GERMANY

To replace Paul Breitner who will retire in three months, Bayern Munchen would like to sign the Danish midfield star Soren Lerby, now playing for the Dutch club Ajax.

The longest serving first division coach in West Germany is Bayern Munchen's Paul Csernai who has been at the helm since 1978. The club have recently extended his contract to the end of 1984.

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The East German Association has decreed that only the 14 first division clubs are permitted to employ full time coaches.

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Four coaches have lost their job since the start in the West German first division. The clubs involved are Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Schalke and Karlsruhe.



Ken Dalglish

Everton wanted to play their F.A. Cup tie against Spurs on a Sunday (Feb 20) instead of the Saturday (Feb 19) . . . but Spurs flatly rejected the idea.

Everton proposed the switch because neighbours Liverpool are at home to Brighton on the Saturday in the Cup — and the grounds of the two Merseyside clubs are less than a mile apart. Now Liverpool have decided on a switch. They'll play Brighton on Sunday February 20.

By the way, in the previous round, Everton made a big success of a switch to a Sunday.

On a cold, rainy, windswept afternoon, 35,188 spectators turned out at Goodison Park to see the unattractive Shrewsbury Town play Everton.

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Ian Greaves, former Bolton and Wolves manager, has taken over as boss of Mansfield Town, succeeding Stuart Boam.

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Brighton's caretaker-manager Jimmy Melia was thrilled when his team was drawn to play mighty Liverpool at Anfield in the Cup. "I played 12 years for Liverpool and my family still lives there," said Melia.

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Here's a sad story from the Scottish League. Young Ian Cashmore, a most promising striker from Berwick Rangers, has had a training accident and will never walk again.

Ian was previously with Ayr United, but not a regular first team player. When he joined Berwick, he immediately hit the goal trail, scoring four times in one match, and a big future was predicted for him.

But, training with his former team mates at Ayr, he was carrying a player on his shoulders when he crumpled and fell. He suffered a broken neck.

Ian Cashmore is paralysed and won't walk again. He is just 21.

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Blackpool invited Liverpool to play a charity match at Bloomfield Road to help the Fund for four people drowned at Blackpool in recent storms.

Liverpool were quick to accept, won the match 6-2, and helped pull in \$18,000 through the gate.

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Derby County's record receipts at their rather small Baseball Ground stand at £115,000. They are certain the record will be broken when Manchester United play there in the F.A. Cup on Saturday.

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Why do football clubs make such enormous sacrifices just to keep going? Why don't they just get out of a sport so bedevilled by financial hardship?

Perhaps Steve Coppell, chairman of England's Professional Footballers Association, has the answer.

In an interview in The Times, Coppell said: "There is a great fighting spirit, a will to survive among clubs. This doesn't mean they have a divine right to survive. If the public doesn't show that they care enough, then clubs will have to go to the wall."

"You have to leave things to natural forces."

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English clubs could refuse to play against Barcelona if the Spanish club doesn't drastically improve its behavior: indeed Barcelona have been condemned all over Europe after their vicious performance against Aston Villa at Villa Park.

# BRITAIN CALLING

In the match, won 3-0 by Villa, nine players were cautioned — six of them Spanish. Three were sent off — two of them Spanish.

And UEFA Disciplinary secretary Rene Eberle, who watched the match on television, hinted that Barcelona should be thrown out of all European competitions.

Eberle said: "I was horrified by the match. We are all sick and fed up with Barcelona behaving this way. Football has a bad enough reputation and they are making it worse. If you fine them, they just laugh at you.

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Terry Neil, Arsenal's manager, is extremely happy with his newly signed Yugoslav, Vladimir Petrovic.

"There's only one problem with him," he says, "and that is his complete and total lack of English."

When his team-mates want the ball, they simply call out "Vladi . . ."



Terry Neill

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Fulham chairman Ernie Clay has lashed the English F.A. for sitting in judgment on clubs whose fans misbehave.

Clay reckons the worst offenders are followers of England's international team — not club fans.

"We have got an international reputation for hooliganism as a result of the fans of the England team. There does not seem to be any justice — the worst behaviour of any supporters anywhere has come from those wearing England scarves," said Clay.

"How much have the F.A. ever fined themselves? That's a hot potato and it won't win me friends at Lancaster Gate. But it needs to be said.

"If clubs are responsible for their fans, then the F.A. must take responsibility for England fans who have made a mess all over Europe," added Clay.

The all-seeing eye of television has caused Brighton striker Mick Robinson to be charged with "bringing the game into disrepute."

In a televised match on New Year's Eve, millions of viewers thought they saw Robinson butting Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood — but the referee didn't.

An English F.A. spokesman said: "The referee's report indicated something serious may have taken place and we have also been contacted by some F.A. councillors who saw it on TV."

So Robinson was belatedly charged!

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In 10 years, attendances at Scottish League matches have slumped by two million.

Chairmen from the 38 League clubs met recently to find a solution.

Scottish League president David Letham afterwards revealed himself as a master of the cliché when he said: "There was a lot of straight hard talking done and no punches were pulled."

It seems the one ray of hope (for SOME Scottish clubs) is that there will be more Football Pools money for Premier League clubs — because they have the biggest overheads.

OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS... OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS...

# Grobbelaar is new hero of 'Kop'

When Bruce Grobbelaar replaced Ray Clemence in Liverpool's goal at the start of last season, I didn't relish the prospect of playing in the front of him.

I'd got so used to playing with Clem over the years — he'd been almost an ever-present since I became a regular first team member — and we'd developed a great understanding.

Then, right out of the blue, Ray decided he needed the new challenge which took him to Spurs, and the club drafted in someone I hadn't even heard of until they signed him a few months previously.

A lad with a strong-sounding name, who'd made 24 appearances for Crewe, an international with Zimbabwe, and who'd played most of his football in the North American League with Vancouver Whitecaps.

Of course, I realised that with such unimpressive credentials Bruce must be something extra-special for a club with Liverpool's talent-spotting reputation to have brought him to Anfield for £250,000.

But he was being pitched into First Division football head-first without the benefit of the usual "apprenticeship" that new signings serve with the reserves until they learn Liverpool's ways.

I must admit I thought the club was asking too much of Bruce to step straight into Ray's shoes and carry on the Liverpool tradition of great goal-keeping.

It wasn't long, though, before the new boy showed the class that helped to bring the Championship to Anfield and earned him a place in the top bracket of 'keepers.'

## Overawed

What first struck me about him was his confidence. He wasn't overawed at playing for a club expected to carry on adding to its mighty honours list.

Very different from Ray, it took time for us to adjust to Bruce's style of play, and him to ours.

At first he tended to be too much of a showman, grabbing the limelight and putting on a big act for the fans. It was partly something that had been expected of him in America, which treats football like show business, and partly because of his particular happy-go-lucky temperament.

Bruce's antics had me worried.

At first he regarded every ball in the penalty-area as his, at times getting in the way of us defenders. He also tended to

stay on his goal-line during our attacks instead of coming out to the edge of the box, ready to act as a "sweeper" whenever the opposition managed a sudden break.

To be fair, he wasn't helped by the fact that some of us were below par — me in particular. My form was definitely in-and-out as they say.

Gradually over the months we ironed out our problems at the back and began to look as secure as we'd been in the days of Ray Clem.

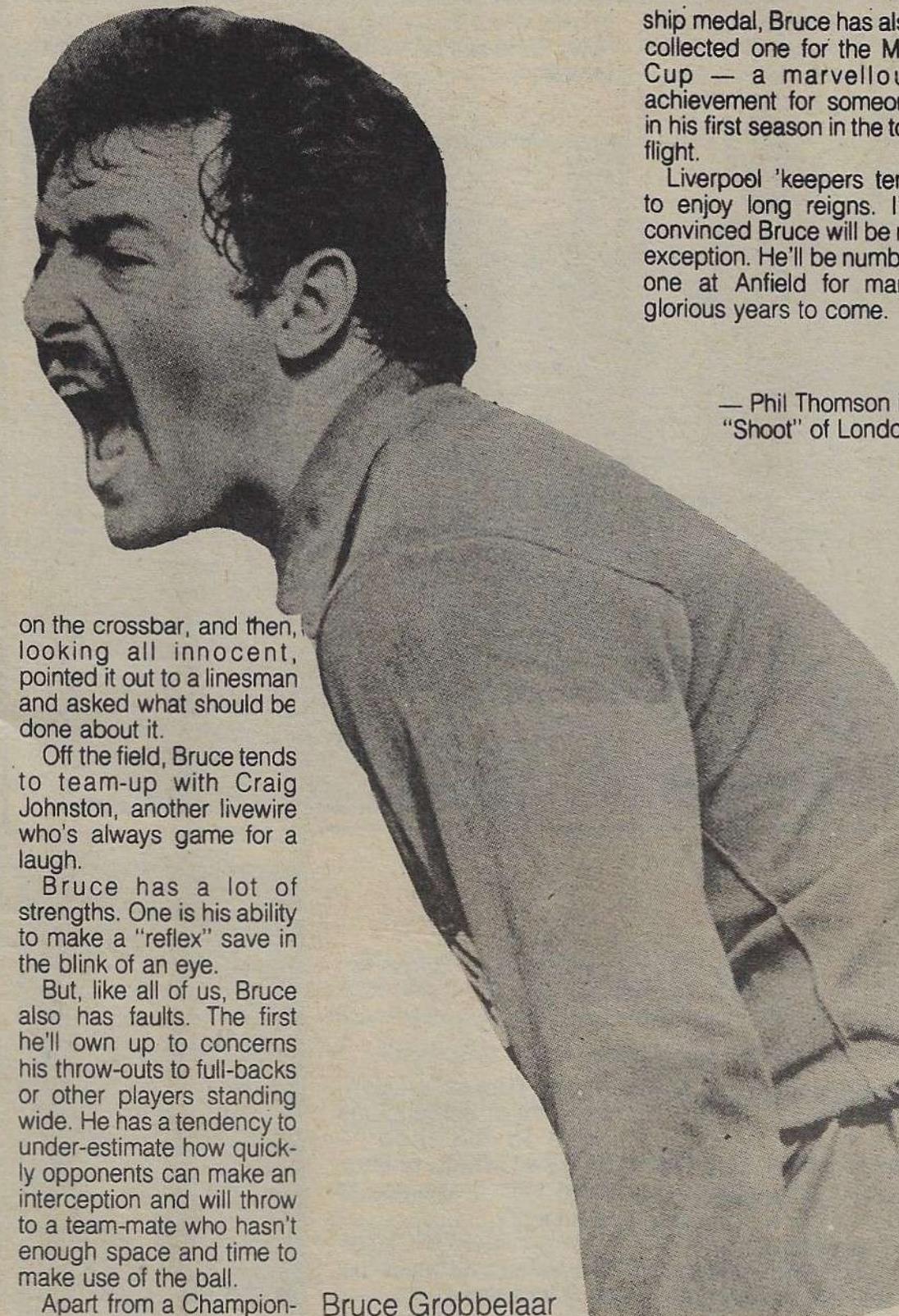
Ironically, the two English 'keepers who I'd rate just above Bruce at this stage — Ray and Peter Shilton — are suffering because their present defences are not as sound as previous ones.

## Clowning

Right from the start Bruce was a big hit with the Kopites, who give him a tremendous welcome whenever he runs to his goal.

Bruce loves them, and he'll often do a bit of clowning around before the serious business starts. His incredible ball-juggling could earn him a living on the stage any day!

Fans are always giving him presents. Before the League game against Manchester City at Anfield he was presented with a hat with a big toy duck on top. He leapt up, placed it



Apart from a Champion — Bruce Grobbelaar

Rothmans 1982-83 Football Year Book — all 960 pages of it — is on sale in Sydney and is a "must" for followers of UK Soccer.

It sells for \$18.50 and is available from Frank Mathias at 715 George Street (Telephone 211 5003).

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While England Youth team defender Neil Bannister has still to inform Adelaide City when he will be back in Australia, connections are confident he will be here in time for the NSL season, if not the Ampol Cup.

An inside tip is that the brilliant defender will return with a wife, and this is what is delaying his departure from England.

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German coach Lutz Fuellgraf is in Sydney for the next 12 months and would like to help coach a team. Lutz has been coaching for the past two years in his own country with a club two steps below the Bundesliga. His phone is 92 6563.

# Stars fall like flies in Spain

Following their disappointing showing at the Mundial of last year, Spain is reorganising its national side.

Manager Miguel Munoz

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The Spurs — West Brom cup-tie attracted scathing comment from some English newspapers.

The Daily Express reported: "The big muscular men of Spurs and West Brom beamirched the respected names of their clubs with the kind of irresponsible tackling that would be applauded only by the likes of Barcelona."

"In 90 distasteful minutes, 24 members of the same players' union busied themselves in trying to put each other out of work."

"There were tackles that could easily have maimed."

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The Football League conducted an experimental six-a-side competition in Birmingham.

At least one club, Ipswich Town, reckoned the experiment was a disaster.

Striker Eric Gates was injured and had to miss the cup-tie against Grimsby Town while Dutchman Frans Thijssen turned on his worst performance for Ipswich in that cup-tie.

Thijssen said: "My legs felt like lumps of iron and I could hardly kick the ball five yards. The doctor said I was suffering from repeated jarring from the hard surface during the indoor tournament."

ship medal, Bruce has also collected one for the Milk Cup — a marvellous achievement for someone in his first season in the top flight.

Liverpool 'keepers tend to enjoy long reigns. I'm convinced Bruce will be no exception. He'll be number one at Anfield for many glorious years to come.

— Phil Thomson in "Shoot" of London

# France gears for '84 Euro-titles

The French Association — FFF — has announced that the finals of the 1984 European Championship will start on June 12 and end on June 27.

The eight teams will play in two groups of four and the group winners will meet in the final.

The venues will be Paris, Nantes, Strasbourg, Lens, Lyon, St. Etienne and

Marseille. Nantes and Strasbourg will get a new stadium while the others will be modernised.

The cost of staging the series will amount to about \$80 million of which the Government guarantees 40 per cent.

The draw for the finals will be made in Paris in January 1984.

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Mike Watterson is ready to quit as chairman of troubled Derby County — after only three months.

In the past few weeks, vandals have wrecked part of Derby's ground; the Football League found Derby guilty of poaching Roy McFarland and the club now must pay a \$110,000 bill for compensation. It is already \$1,500,000 in debt.

"Frankly, the whole thing is breaking my heart," said Watterson.

"I wanted to use my spare time to help this club which I supported as a kid, but I never realised football could be such a dirty business."

"I'm fast approaching the time when I may say enough is enough" said the Derby boss.

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John Robertson, Scottish international winger, is getting over a cartilage operation. His contract expires this year but Forest boss Brian Clough says he wants Robertson to stay.



Juanito, out of favor

By David Jack

I was going through some old photos in my files recently when I came across one of a group of soccer writers. The picture was taken at the International Hotel in Bray, near Dublin, some 25 years ago. I was in that photo, along with eight other journalists, in Ireland to cover Manchester United's European Cup match against Shamrock Rovers.

Of the nine people pictured, five were destined to die at Munich Airport only a few months later in the Manchester United air disaster.

One, Frank Taylor, is now the chairman of the International Sports Writers Association (AIPS). Frank was the only soccer writer on the plane to survive.

I have always considered fate was kind to me. I was unable to travel with Manchester United to Belgrade for the European

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# Fate was kind to me. . .

Cup assignment which ended in the Munich disaster.

In fact, on that weekend, I had made arrangements to fly to Stockholm to cover the World Cup draw for my English paper. I was packing my bag for Stockholm when news of the plane crash came through on telex in London.

Fate was not so kind to George Follows and Archie Ledbrooke — two colleagues killed at Munich. They also intended covering the World Cup draw in Sweden.

George and Archie, who worked for the Daily Herald and Daily Mirror, planned to report the match in Belgrade and then fly to Stockholm.

They told me they were unable to get a direct flight, so would have to return to England with the United team and then take off immediately for Stockholm.

Had there been a plane from Belgrade to Stockholm, the pair would not have lost their lives.

I thought of these things, and many other events of 25 years ago, when I went through my old photos in

the filing cabinet.

At Munich Airport on February 6, 1958, eight Manchester United players died. They were Roger Byrne, Mark Jones, Eddie Colman, Duncan Edwards, Geoff Bent, Liam Whelan, David Pegg and Tommy Taylor.

Club officials who perished were secretary Walter Crickmer, coach Bert Whalley and trainer Tom Curry.

The dead soccer writers were Henry Rose (Daily Express), Frank Swift (News of the World), George Follows (Daily Herald), Archie Ledbrooke (Daily Mirror), Eric Thompson (Daily Mail), Tommy Jackson (Manchester Evening News), Alf Clarke (Manchester Evening Chronicle) and Don Davies, who used to write under the by-line of "Old International" in The Guardian.

I cannot remember exactly how many times I travelled with those friends of mine to report Manchester United's matches.

But at a time when many people, not only in England but throughout the world, are showing enormous interest in the 25th anniversary of the Munich disaster, I am grateful that fate prevented my flight to Belgrade on that ill-fated BEA Elizabethan airplane.



## One goalie who got away . . .

St George could have lost the best goalie they never had . . .

When former coach Joe Gelei returned to Budapest in 1980, his son, Karczi (Charlie) went with him.

Now he is the reserve goalie of the Budapest club MTK — and plays for Hungary at international youth level.

Charlie, 18, is 193cm tall and is still in high school.

Recently in a Budapest newspaper he was talking about his brief career and his past.

"I spent some time in Australia," he was quoted as saying, "and it was terrific. I played with the St George Under-16."

"However, the standard was not quite as good as it is here."

## Soccer pioneer dies in Sydney

By Keith Gilmour

Andy Burton, the first president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, died at Eversleigh Hospital, Addison Rd Petersham on Saturday morning.

Typical of the man, he aimed to the last to reach his 80th milestone on April 9 even though he was stricken with incurable illness.

His finest hour came with the formation of the NSW Federation in 1957.

With unflagging zeal he rallied his forces to win the battle against conservatism in soccer, filling a role that helped to reverse the tide for the code throughout Australia.

Only last Friday he had a yarn with his old Canterbury friends, Frank Nobbs and Tom Grimson.

Burton — known as

"Darky" in his early days — was born in Scotland and came to the then — struggling village of Baulkham Hills at the age of about eight.

He gravitated to Canterbury, where he made his mark for soccer.

He formed Canterbury Wanderers Soccer Club, and the team travelled all over Sydney, often by sulky, for their matches.

Five of the teams were from the Canterbury area, so in conjunction with the late Cec Barlow and Bill Brackenbury and others, they formed the Canterbury & Districts Soccer Football Association in 1923.

The Canterbury Junior Soccer Football Club (originally Canterbury Park) was founded, and the blue-and-golds have carried on down the years.

Andy Burton's restless energy saw him deeply involved in the 1942 breakaway to form the NSW State Soccer League.

At that stage he was prominent at club level with the Canterbury-Bankstown, Metters-Canterbury and then the Canterbury-Marrickville clubs, and he managed NSW teams.

In club football Burton aimed for the best.

Amongst the host of players to appear for his clubs at that stage were Roy Crowhurst, Stan Pavitt, Ronnie Hughes, Ray "Tiger" Bryant and Bob Murray.

And then there were the Newcastle-ites, the legendary Reg Date, the late "Pippy" Wilkinson, "Spike" Lonergan and "Bunny" Fenwick.



The late Burton, some years ago.

After serving as president of the NSW Junior Soccer Football Assn from 1954/7, Burton's uncompromising outlook and determination to see soccer succeed lifted him into the Hall of Fame for soccer achievers as, step to setp, he led the soccer revolution until the new organisation won through.

In latter days he was always ready to serve in whatever capacity he was asked to fill, never flinching whenever a task was placed before him.

Year after year he gave his experience in the NSW Disciplinary Committee.

He was glad to have his son John with him to the end.

## Bribe scandal

A major scandal has erupted over bribery allegations in sport, mainly concerning one TV commentator.

One can only hope that the ASF will look into the matter and, if it finds the charges correct, avoids any dealings with the person.

Soccer has committed numerous sins in the past but at least it has managed to escape being involved in corruption and bribery.

Why start now?

## FROM THE PRESS BOX

One really tries not to be too critical too often: soccer is far too fragile to withstand too much buffeting.

Still, it's impossible — bordering on the dishonest — to close one's eyes over the incredible fixture dates the NSL executive has picked for the National Cup draw.

The first two rounds will be played by Easter and then the semi-final on Anzac Day — April 25.

But for the final we will have to wait until October...

I'd like to know from our well-informed readers if they know of another country where they leave a six-month gap between the semi-final and final of any cup competition. I have never heard of any.

Come July or August and most people will have forgotten all about the Cup; the majority won't even remember who'll play in the final.

Then, almost six months after the semi-finals, the Cup will be taken out of mothballs, dusted off and "marketed" to a public without the vital glamor run-up period.

We have said it before but say it again, one of the true tragedies of Australian soccer is its lack of tradition and continuity.

Every year we tinker with the formats of our competitions and cups as the whim strikes our officialdom.

Neither the Philips Cup nor the Top Four series has had the same format since 1977; some have been staged in the past (like 1982 . . .) as hurried after-thoughts.

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While on the subject of planning: I'd suggest the ASF should protest NOW about the venue of our matches in the 1985 World Youth Cup elimination series.

And while they've got Sepp Blatter from FIFA on the line, they may as well protest about the venues where, in 1985, our Socceroos will have to play their elimination games for the following year's finals.

Because it's odds on that we'll complain bitterly about these anyway later on.

For some reason which I have not yet been able to figure out, our top officials and team managements accept any World Cup draw without a murmur.

It's announced, to the accompaniment of martial music, and then it's forgotten. Until, that is, our teams actually have to pack their bags and fly to some of the remotest spots on the globe.

We should tell FIFA now — and NOT after the unfavorable draw has been announced — that we want to hold these tournaments here in Australia. As many as possible.

— ANDREW DETTRE